Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 *MAY*, 1902.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of May, 1902.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

"NEW SOUTH WALES, "to wit. "(L.S.) "FREDK. M. DARLEY, "*Lieutenant-Governor.*" — Proclamation by His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales has been called together for the despatch of "business on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of May instant: And whereas it is deemed "expedient for divers urgent and weighty reasons that it should be further prorogued: Now, "therefore, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, in pursuance of the power and authority in me "vested as Lieutenant-Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament "until Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of May instant: And I do hereby further announce "and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the "aforesaid twenty-eighth day of May instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known "as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members "of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give "their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at State Government House, Sydney, this twenty-first "day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, and in the "second year of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"JOHN SEE.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—

(1.) That during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 55th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in room of the undermentioned Gentlemen, viz.:—

Samuel Smith, Esquire, Member for Sydney-Pyrmont Division, resigned.
William Donald McIntyre, Esquire, Member for Inverell, deceased.

(2.) That the first of the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon, by the Returning Officer of the election of John McNeill, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney-Pyrmont Division.

3. MEMBER SWORN:—John McNeill, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Sydney-Pyrmont Division.

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

"Mr. Speaker,

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

The House went—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. See, at nineteen minutes pas Twelve o'clock until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. Appointment of Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, K.C.B., as Governor of the State:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 1.
Governor.

Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that His Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under His Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at St. James's the twelfth day of February, 1902, to appoint him to be Governor in and over the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, and that, on the twenty-seventh day of May instant, he assumed the Government of the State accordingly.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28*th May*, 1902.

Ordered to be taken into consideration To-morrow.

6. Death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria—Accession of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the VII:—Mr. Speaker reported that during the recess he had received the following reply to the Address presented to His Majesty the King:—

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 8 January, 1902.

With reference to previous correspondence, I have now the honor to state that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been informed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Address embodying a Resolution of Condolence on the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, and of congratulation on His Majesty's accession to the Throne, which was adopted by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales on the 7th August last, was duly laid before the King.

2. His Majesty commanded that an expression of His cordial thanks were to be conveyed to the Legislative Assembly for their expression of sympathy and their loyal congratulations which afforded Him much gratification.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,
H. M. COCKSHOTT,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

7. Death of Her Imperial Majesty the Dowager Empress of Germany:—Mr. Speaker reported that during the recess he had received the following reply to the Address presented to His Majesty the King:—

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 8 January, 1902.

With reference to previous correspondence, I have now the honor to state that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been informed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Address to the King, embodying a Resolution of Condolence on the death of Her late Imperial Majesty, the Dowager Empress of Germany, which was adopted by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales on the 7th August last, was duly laid before the King.

2. His Majesty commanded that an expression of His grateful thanks were to be conveyed to the Legislative Assembly for the kind and loyal terms in which they have assured Him of their sympathy in His bereavement.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,
H. M. COCKSHOTT,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

8. Assent to Bills:—Mr. Speaker reported that during the recess he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

(1.) Appropriation Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No.* 2.
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the* 1*st day of July*, 1901, *to the* 30*th day of June*, 1902, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer*, 1900-1901,' *for supplementary charges during the period from* 1*st July*, 1900, *to* 30*th June*, 1901, *inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments charged to 'Expenditure Suspense Account' for Services of the year* 1900-1901; *and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th December*, 1901.

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(2.) Loan Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 3.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th December, 1901.

(3.) Sydney Coal Delivery Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 4.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the sale and delivery of coal in Sydney and its vicinity,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th December, 1901.

(4.) Forfeiture of Leases Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 5.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for granting relief against forfeiture of leases, and for otherwise amending the law as to property,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th December, 1901.

(5.) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 6.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the prevention of cruelty to animals,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th December, 1901.

(6.) Real Property and Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 7.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give certain officers and persons the powers and duties of the Registrar-General; to prescribe the oath to be taken by Deputy Registrars-General; to provide that statutory declarations and the oath of a sworn valuator may be made and taken before certain officers; and to validate certain acts, acknowledgments, instruments, documents, writings, declarations, and oaths,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th December, 1901.

(7.) Blockholders Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 8.*
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for setting apart certain Crown lands for working men's blocks; for providing loans to the lessees of such blocks; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th December, 1901.

(8.) Western Lands Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* — *Message No.* 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest the management and control of that portion of New South Wales known as the Western Division in a board, to be called the Western Land Board; to grant extension of leases in the said division and tenant-right in certain improvements; and for all purposes necessary and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th December, 1901.

(9.) Jury Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* — *Message No.* 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the statutes relating to jurors,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th December, 1901.

(10.) Shearers' Accommodation Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* — *Message No.* 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of shearers,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th December, 1901.

(11.) Manilla to Barraba Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* — *Message No.* 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Manilla to Barraba; to amend the Public Works Act,* 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th December, 1901.

(12.) Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* — *Message No.* 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act,* 1900,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th December, 1901.

(13.) Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Bill (No. 2):—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Lieutenant-Governor.* — *Message No.* 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the law relating to Friendly Societies,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th December, 1901.

(14.) Mines Inspection Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No.* 15.
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation and inspection of mines other than coal and shale mines; to regulate the treatment of the products of such mines; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th December, 1901.

(15.) Aberdare Collieries Railway Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No.* 16.
Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Aberdare Collieries of New South Wales (Limited), a joint stock company duly incorporated under the Companies Act of* 1899, *to construct a railway from the Aberdare Collieries to a line constructed by the East Greta Coal-mining Company (Limited), under the provisions of the Stanford Coal-mine Railway Act of* 1900,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th December, 1901.

(16.) Pyrmont Bridge Extension Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 17.
By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of works in extension of the Pyrmont Bridge; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th January, 1902.

(17.) Vice-Admiralty Vexatious Arrests Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 18.
By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to frivolous and vexatious arrests by process issuing out of the Vice-Admiralty Court,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th January, 1902.

(18.) Prince Alfred Hospital Additions Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 19.
By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of two pavilions in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th January, 1902.

(19.) Advances to Settlers (Amendment) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 20.
By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Act,* 1899,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th January, 1902.

(20.) Stock Diseases (Tick) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 21.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the prevention and cure of certain diseases in stock; and to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of* 1866; *the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of* 1878; *and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act of* 1882,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th January,* 1902.

(21.) Treasury Bills Deficiency (Amendment) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 22.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act,* 1900,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th January,* 1902.

(22.) Mining Laws Amendment Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 23.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining Act,* 1874, *the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of* 1884, *the Mining on Private Lands Act of* 1894, *and the Mining Laws Amendment Act of* 1896; *and to authorise the granting of leases of Crown lands for certain purposes in connection with mining,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th January,* 1902.

(23.) Government Railways (Commissioner's Salary) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 24.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to the salary of one of the Railway Commissioners,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th January,* 1902.

(24.) Closer Settlement Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 25.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the acquisition for purposes of settlement of private lands or lands leased from the Crown, and to provide for dealing with and disposing of such lands,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th January,* 1902.

(25.) Manly Water Supply and Sewerage Transfer Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 26.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain works of water supply and property and certain sewerage works at Manly in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; to validate certain things done in carrying out such sewerage works in excess of the authority in that behalf; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th January,* 1902.

(26.) Rabbit Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 27.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to deal with the rabbit pest; to authorise certain advances in connection therewith; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th January, 1902.

(27.) Hay Irrigation (Amending) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 28.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Hay Irrigation Act and the Hay Irrigation (Amendment) Act,* 1896,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st January, 1902.

(28.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 29.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st January, 1902.

(29.) Little Bay Penitentiary and Prison Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 30.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and authorise the erection of a penitentiary and prison for females near Randwick; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st January, 1902.

(30.) Municipalities (Incorporation Validating) Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 31.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to proclamations incorporating municipalities; and to amend the Municipalities Act,* 1897,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st January, 1902.

(31.) Native Dogs Destruction and Poisoned Baits Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 32.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the destruction of native dogs and the laying of poisoned baits,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1902.

(32.) Games, Wagers, and Betting-houses Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 33.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts concerning games and wagers, and for the suppression of betting-houses,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1902.

(33.) Building and Co-operative Societies Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 34.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the law relating to Benefit Building, Trading, and Industrial Societies,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1902.

(34.) Necropolis Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 35.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment and regulation of the Necropolis,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25th January, 1902.

(35.) Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Bill:—

WM. OWEN, *Message No.* 36.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to wharfage and tonnage rates,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24th January, 1902.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the year ended 30th June, 1901, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act of 1898.
Ordered to be printed.

10. PAPERS:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulation No. 16 under the Prisons Act, 1899.
(2.) Rules and Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
(3.) Report of Public Service Board in reference to the appointment of a Conveyancer in the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
(4.) Report of Public Service Board in reference to the appointment of an Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman in the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.
(5.) Rules of the Supreme Court (Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction).
(6.) Annual Returns under the 26th section of the District Courts Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11. CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ON THE OCCASION OF HIS CORONATION:—
Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House agrees to the following Address to the King, conveying the congratulations of Parliament on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such address on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, in conjunction with the President of the Legislative Council on behalf of the Legislative Council:—
"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,—
"We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the Legislative "Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty and to "offer our loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the Coronation of Your Majesty "and Our Gracious Queen.
"We humbly trust that the Almighty may long preserve Your lives, and we dutifully assure "Your Most Gracious Majesty and Her Gracious Majesty the Queen that in no portion of Your "Dominions beyond the Seas are the sentiments of loyalty and love for Your Throne and Person "more warmly cherished than by the inhabitants of the State of New South Wales.
"On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly,—
Speaker."

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Lee,—
Question put, and carried unanimously.

12. LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. See presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—which was read a first time *pro formâ*.

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

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

1. After a recess of reasonable duration, rendered necessary by the labours of a long and arduous Session, you have been called together for the despatch of public business.

2. The request of His Excellency the Governor-General to be recalled from his high office has evoked feelings of profound regret among all parties and all classes of the people.

3. A joint Commission, representing the three States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, has been appointed to report upon the best methods of utilising and conserving the waters of the Murray basin. My Advisers consider that no public question is of greater importance in this State than the conservation of water, and bills dealing with this subject will be shortly submitted to you.

4. During the recess, in pursuance of authority conferred by Parliament, appointments have been made of Commercial Agents, whose duty it will be to advance the Trading Interests of the State in Great Britain, South Africa, and the East, and they trust that their labours will materially advance the development of the resources of the State. Three Commissioners have also been appointed to administer the Western Lands, in terms of the "Western Lands Act of 1901." Two Commissioners have been despatched to Europe and America to investigate and report upon the best methods of Technical Instruction and Educational matters generally in those countries. My Advisers are pleased to know that general approval has been expressed of the selections which have been made for these most important positions.

5. You will be immediately invited to consider a measure for giving larger powers to Municipalities and increasing the number of incorporated areas. After the passage of this measure, it will be possible to deal in a practical manner with the long-standing problem of giving to the residents of unincorporated areas a closer control over the expenditure of money on local works, without imposing upon them the burden of new taxation for this purpose.

6. A measure will be submitted to you for inviting a direct vote of the people upon the question of a reduction in the number of Members of Parliament, and the necessary legislation will be introduced to give effect to their decision. If time permit, proposals for dealing with other questions of Constitutional reform will also be submitted.

7. The Bill to establish Adult Suffrage will be again introduced.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

8. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure are being prepared with the utmost regard for economy which is compatible with the efficiency of the Public Service, and will shortly be submitted to you. I am gratified to be able to announce to you that, considering the unprecedented drought, and other disturbing elements, which were inevitable in the transition period through which we are now passing, in consequence of the new conditions introduced by the establishment of the Commonwealth, the Public Revenue continues to be satisfactory. My Advisers feel that it is in the highest degree desirable that the Public Accounts should be presented in a form which will not admit of controversy; and they will accordingly submit to you without delay a measure to provide for a more effective method of presenting the Public Accounts, and for the establishment of a Parliamentary Committee of Finance, upon lines which have already proved satisfactory in the Parliaments of Great Britain and the Dominion of Canada.

9. My Advisers recognise that any sudden cessation of Government expenditure upon reproductive works would retard the development of the country and cause distress to all classes. They are, however, of opinion that it is desirable to curtail the Loan Expenditure on Public Works.

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

10. A proposal for the extension of Municipal Authority in the City of Sydney, and for an Elective Convention to determine the best means of securing more economical and effective government of city and suburban municipalities, will shortly be submitted to you.

11. Measures will be introduced to amend the Factories and Fire Brigades Acts.

12. An Amended Fisheries Bill will also be introduced.

13. A measure to amend the Public Health Act is urgently required, and will be pressed forward without delay.

14. My Advisers feel that the present methods of compensating workmen for accidents in the course of their employment are both uncertain and costly in their operation, and unsatisfactory to employers and employed. They will accordingly submit to you proposals for compensation of workmen for accidents, which will be framed in the light of experience gained from the working of similar legislation in Great Britain.

15. The existing laws relating to State Children are seriously defective. A measure will be introduced to constitute one controlling authority over children of this class, and to amend the laws relating to Industrial Schools, Reformatories, and Truancy.

16. A Bill dealing with the Eastern and Central Land Divisions of the State will be brought forward at an early date.

17. The Advances to Settlers Act will be amended so as to increase the amount that may be advanced.

18. It is recognised that the value of our Forests calls for special legislation, and a Bill dealing with that question will be introduced.

19. It is proposed to introduce a Bill regulating the use of Public Parks, and giving Trustees greater powers than they at present possess.

20. My Advisers are of opinion that the Boards constituted under the "Rabbit Act, 1901," should administer the "Pastures and Stock Protection Act, 1898," and the "Stock Act, 1901," and will introduce a measure to this effect.

21. Bills to consolidate and amend the Mining Laws, and the Licensing Laws, and to amend the Law relating to Old-age Pensions, will also be submitted for your consideration at an early date.

22. In addition to the more important measures to which I have already referred, measures dealing with other matters of administration will be submitted to you as time permits.

23. I now leave you to your important deliberations, in the belief that the work of this Session will, both in amount and usefulness, be maintained at the high level reached in the preceding Session of this Parliament, and with an earnest prayer that under Divine guidance your labours may promote the best interests of all classes of the people.

Mr. Henry Clarke then moved, and Mr. Dight seconded, the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Archer, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Evans, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Dight, and the Mover.

Question put and passed

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, *Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

May it please Your Excellency,—

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

We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.

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

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

"At the same time we regret to observe that the policy outlined in your Excellency's Speech on "the questions of Constitutional Reform and reduction of Members involves a serious departure "from that put before the Electors by Ministers at the General Election, and further emphasised "at the Opening Session of the present Parliament, and such departure constitutes a breach of "faith with the Electors and with Parliament."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

14. Adjournment:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 *MAY*, 1902.

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

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

John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire,
Broughton Barnabas O'Conor, Esquire,
James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,
Sydney James Law, Esquire, and
Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire,

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

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

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

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

"Henry Clarke, Esquire,
"Frank Farnell, Esquire,
"William John Ferguson, Esquire,
"James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,
"Hugh Macdonald, Esquire,
William Millard, Esquire,
Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire,
Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire, and
Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,—

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

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

"WILLIAM McCOURT,
"Speaker."

3. PAPERS:—Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Commission appointing Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, to be Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
(2.) By-law of the Borough of Alexandria.
(3.) By-law of the Borough of Richmond.
(4.) By-law of the Borough of Goulburn.
(5.) By-law of the Borough of Woollahra.
(6.) By-law of the Borough of Balmain.
(7.) By-law of the Borough of Enfield.
(8.) By-law of the Borough of West Maitland.
(9.) By-law of the Borough of Bexley.

(10.) By-law of the Borough of Randwick.
(11.) By-law of the Borough of Petersham.
(12.) By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.
(13.) By-law of the Municipal District of Manly.
(14.) By-law of the Municipal District of Carrington.
(15.) By-laws of the Borough of Drummoyne.
(16.) By-laws of the Borough of Willoughby.
(17.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
(18.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.
(19.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Canterbury.
(20.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Penrith.
(21.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Manilla.
(22.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Forbes.
(23.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
(24.) Regulations under the State Children Relief Act, 1901.
(25.) Regulations of the Shaftesbury Reformatory, under the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, 1901.
(26.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
(27.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General, for the year 1901.
(28.) Reasons for granting extended leave of absence to Mr. E. A. C. Smith, Examiner of Titles, Registrar-General's Office.
(29.) Reasons for granting further leave of absence to Mr. A. M. Solomon, Draftsman, Registrar-General's Office.
(30.) Reply to despatch forwarding Address respecting the visit to New South Wales of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York (now Prince of Wales).
(31.) Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board for the year 1901.
(32.) Report of Mr. J. Barling on Commercial Agents.
(33.) Return of Cost of Sunday Labour in the Public Service.
(34.) First Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That John Henry Cann, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Cann made his acknowledgments to the House.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your "Excellency's speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the "Public Service will be made in due course.

"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may "prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand Paragraph 3:—

"At the same time we regret to observe that the policy outlined in Your Excellency's Speech on "the questions of Constitutional Reform and Reduction of Members involves a serious departure "from that put before the electors by Ministers at the General Election, and further emphasised "at the Opening Session of the present Parliament, and such departure constitutes a breach of "faith with the electors and with Parliament."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Broughton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

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6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29*th May*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(2.) Legitimation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law by making provision for the legitimation of children born before marriage on the subsequent marriage of their parents*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29*th May*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

ELECTORATE OF INVERELL:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him during the recess for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Inverell had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of George Alfred Jones, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. MERCADOOL HOLDING:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from intending settlers, business people, and residents in portion of the Central Division of New South Wales, representing that a large and valuable area of land on Mercadool Holding, in the Walgett District, has been for a long period surveyed ready for selection, and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration and for the national benefit as well as local prosperity have the land so surveyed thrown open to the competition of the people, for selection and occupation, as tenant holders under the Crown.
Petition received.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. John Hurley, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) From A. J. Craig, Chairman, and W. G. Grantham, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Leura.
(2.) From Henry J. Collier, Chairman, and A. Slatyer, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Blackheath.
(3.) From A. R. Maclean, Chairman, and H. T. Roper, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Wallerawang.
(4.) From H. J. Ricnits, Chairman, and F. J. Barnett, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Mount Victoria.
(5.) From Henry Williams, Chairman, and E. C. S. Chapman, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Little Hartley.
(6.) From J. O. Hutchinson, Chairman, and James H. Catts, General Secretary, of the Conference of Progress Associations, held in the Town Hall, Sydney.
Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the completion of the Johnstone's Creek Stormwater Channel—Orphan School Creek Branch.
(2.) Regulations under the "Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1880."
(3.) Report of the completion of the Easton Park Stormwater Channel—Burt-street Extension.
(4.) Report of the completion of the Chatswood-Willoughby Outfall Works.
(5.) Regulations under the "Artesian Wells Act, 1897."
(6.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889:—(*a*) Double Bay low-level Sewerage Works; (*b*) Manly Sewerage Works; (*c*) Chatswood-Willoughby Sewerage Works; (*d*) Manly Water Supply; (*e*) Gordon, South Colah, and Field of Mars Water Supply.
(7.) Statement of Accounts of the South Head Roads Trust for the half-year ended 31st December, 1901.

(8.) Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly Returns of Accidents," (Public Works Department, November, 1901, to March, 1902).
(9.) Minute respecting special sick leave of absence to Mr. R. O. Friend, Draughtsman, Water Supply and Sewerage Construction Branch, Department of Public Works.
(10.) Report of the completion of the Homebush Creek Branch Stormwater Channel—Emu-street Branch and Minna-street Branch.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulations under Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
(2.) Proclamations respecting disease known as "Tick Fever or Texas Fever"; also Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.
(3.) Proclamation prohibiting importation of Swine from New Zealand for a period of twelve months.
(4.) Proclamations respecting Sheep introduced from Victoria, and destruction of Foxes in the Molong Sheep District.
(5.) Proclamation respecting annual contribution on Sheep for the year 1902.
(6.) Proclamation setting apart that piece of ground situated in South-street, Double Bay, and known as "Yerton," as a Quarantine Ground for Imported Stock.
(7.) Proclamation prohibiting the introduction or importation of Cattle and certain Horses from specified portions of Queensland.
(8.) Return respecting Coal mined from Crown lands, Illawarra District, from 1891 to 1900.
(9.) Regulations under the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901.
(10.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1901.
(11.) Report of the New South Wales Miners' Accident Relief Board for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House agrees to the following Address to the King conveying the congratulations of the Legislative Assembly to His Most Gracious Majesty on the restoration of Peace in South Africa, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such Address on behalf of this House,—

To His Most Gracious Majesty Edward the Seventh by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, beg to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty and to assure you that we have learned with joy and satisfaction that peace has been restored in South Africa on conditions honorable to Your Majesty's Crown.

We desire to express our hope that the peace which has now been concluded may, under the favour of Divine Providence, long continue to shed its blessing on the world, and that harmony among Governments and friendly intercourse among nations may steadily promote the progress of civilisation and secure the welfare and happiness of mankind.

We trust that Your Majesty, while graciously receiving this Address, will accept our assurance that in no part of Your Majesty's Empire is a greater interest felt in the glorious success of Your Majesty's arms, or a firmer conviction entertained, that with that achievement the cause of peace, order, liberty, and civilisation is intimately and inseparably interwoven.

On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly,—

Speaker.

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Lee,—
Question put, and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may "prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand Paragraph 3 :—

" At the same time we regret to observe that the policy outlined in Your Excellency's Speech on " the questions of Constitutional Reform and Reduction of Members involves a serious departure " from that put before the electors by Ministers at the General Election, and further emphasised " at the Opening Session of the present Parliament, and such departure constitutes a breach of " faith with the electors and with Parliament."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. McGowen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

8. Deputy-Speaker's Commission to administer the Oath of Allegiance:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated thirty-first May, 1902, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering John Henry Cann, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

" *By His Excellency* Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, *Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight " Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South " Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" To all to whom these presents shall come,—

" *Greeting :*

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

" Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales " aforesaid, this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred " and two, and in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

" HARRY H. RAWSON,
" Governor.
" *By His Excellency's Command,*
" JOHN SEE."

9. Adjournment:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—George Alfred Jones, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Inverell.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From H. Croudace, Chairman, and Adam J. Wilson, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Epping.
(2.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From James McDade, Chairman, and A. S. R. Hant, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Committee, Kahibah.
(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From Ed. Charlton, Chairman, and Thomas Johnson, Honorary Secretary, Lambton Citizens' Committee.
(4.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From Charles N. Vaughan, Chairman, and P. A. Ellis, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Walgett.
(5.) By Dr. Ross,—From G. W. Griffith, President, and Ruthven A. Young, Honorary Secretary, Manildra Progress Association.
(6.) By Dr. Ross,—From the Progress Association and residents of Cargo.
(7.) By Dr. Ross,—From Wm. Shapland, senior, Chairman, and Wm. Shapland, junior, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Amaroo.
(8.) By Dr. Ross,—From Thomas Finn, Chairman, and M. J. Finn, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Canowindra.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notifications of resumptions, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for Public School purposes at Ashbridge, Bereen, Bellview, Beaufort, Coreinbob, Darkes Forest, Edenderry, Elderbury, Ebenezer, Glencardie, Gulgullendah, Glen Martin, Gladesville, Glenfield, Greystanes (Harper-street, Merrylands), Galore, Hillmont, Hollymount, Halton, Howell, Killingworth, Lawson's Creek, Middle Dural, Mountain View, Monlacoo, Mallee Plains, North Berembed, Never Never, Pullabooka, Sonnmara, South Bowan Park, Tumorrama Proper, Tilbuster, Talbragar (Barragan), and Wamboyne.
(2.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulations under the Western Lands Act, 1901.
(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(4.) Abstract of Alterations and Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(7.) Notifications of resumptions under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land at Towradgi Creek, county of Camden, and at Branxton, county of Northumberland, for Public Parks.
(8.) (*a*) Amended Regulations Nos. 157B, 213, 215, 227, 260, 323-6 under the Crown Lands Acts; (*b*) Additional Regulations Nos. 57A, 57B, 157C, and 157D, also Additional Form No. 10A, under the Crown Lands Acts; (*c*) Regulations and Forms under the Western Lands Act, 1901; (*d*) Regulations and Forms under the Advances to Settlers Acts; and (*e*) Regulations and Forms under the Rabbit Act, 1901.
(9.) Notification of withdrawal from Barmedman Pastoral Lease No. 125, for settlement by other holdings.
(10.) Statement showing the receipts and expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for the year ended 31st December, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 17th June.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may "prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand Paragraph 3:—

"At the same time we regret to observe that the policy outlined in Your Excellency's Speech on "the questions of Constitutional Reform and Reduction of Members involves a serious departure "from that put before the electors by Ministers at the General Election, and further emphasised "at the Opening Session of the present Parliament, and such departure constitutes a breach of "faith with the electors and with Parliament."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 *JUNE*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor-General under the directions contained in the 23rd section of the Audit Act, 1898—
(*a*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands, Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Compensation for land resumed for roads under Public Roads Act."
(*b*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Stock and Brands Branch, Contin-"gencies," to supplement the Vote "Vine Diseases Act, Miscellaneous."
(*c*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Interest on Advances by Banks in "London" to supplement the Vote "For the transmission of Telegraphic Messages."
(*d*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Interest on Advances by Banks in "London" to supplement the Vote "Coast Hospital."
(*e*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "His Excellency the Governor" to supplement the Vote "Freight, Insurance, &c."
(*f*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Interest on Advances by Banks in "London" to supplement the Vote "To meet Unforeseen Expenses to be hereafter accounted for."
(*g*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Survey of Lands, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Department of Lands, Contingencies."
(*h*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Interest on Advances by Banks in "London" to supplement the Votes "To pay Municipal Rates on Government Buildings," and "To pay Interest on Special Deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at three minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following letters from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,—

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 6 June, 1902.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, forwarding copy of an Address, adopted by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, conveying to His Majesty the King congratulations on the Restoration of Peace in South Africa.

2. I have to inform you that His Excellency, after consultation with the Honorable the Premier, has this day transmitted the Address, by cablegram, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a request that it may be laid before His Most Gracious Majesty.

3. I shall be glad, however, to receive the original as early as possible to enable His Excellency to take the necessary action with regard to it.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. ROWE,
Private Secretary.

F. W. Webb, Esquire, C.M.G., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 10 June, 1902.

In continuation of my letter of the 6th instant, to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, intimating that the Address to His Majesty the King, adopted by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, with reference to the Restoration of Peace in South Africa, had been despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by cablegram, I have now the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit to you the subjoined copy of a telegraphic despatch which has this day been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies with regard to the matter:—

"I have laid before His Majesty Address from Legislative Assembly of New South Wales "forwarded in your telegram of 6th June. His Majesty the King was pleased to receive it "very graciously, and commanded me to request you will convey cordial thanks to Legislative "Assembly."

His Excellency will be glad if you will take the earliest opportunity of conveying this Message to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. ROWE,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

2 BRIDGE OVER THE HAWKESBURY RIVER AT RICHMOND:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, representing that Petitioners are opposed to the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at North Richmond, for traffic only, and praying for railway communication to the Kurrajong district,—

(1.) From H. E. Peck, Honorary Secretary, Kurrajong Railway League.

(2.) From Will Douglass, President, and D'Arcy Douglass, Secretary, of Kurrajong Progress Association.

Petitions received.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From J. Barton, Chairman, and W. A. Holmes, Secretary, of Glen Oak Progress Association.
(2.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From J. F. Burns, Chairman, and J. Sutton, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Hornsby.
(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From John Cowling, Chairman, and Joseph H. Wilson, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Glen Reagh.
(4.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From W. F. Wallace, Chairman, and William Wallace, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Louth.
(5.) By Dr. Ross,—From William Coller, Chairman, and Charles Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Bocobble.
Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of Sewerage Works Ventilation Board.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly Returns of Accidents" (Department of Public Works, April, 1902).
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Thursday next.

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

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

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"We desire to assure Your Excellency that the various measures indicated in Your "Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest consideration, and the necessary provision for the "Public Service will be made in due course.

"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may "prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand Paragraph 3:—

"At the same time we regret to observe that the policy outlined in Your Excellency's Speech on "the questions of Constitutional Reform and Reduction of Members involves a serious departure "from that put before the electors by Ministers at the General Election, and further emphasised "at the Opening Session of the present Parliament, and such departure constitutes a breach of "faith with the electors and with Parliament."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. McFarlane moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 *JUNE*, 1902, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes after 12 o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 29th May, 1902, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was, therefore, open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 125th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893.

(2.) *Members sworn*:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, and Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria had given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From R. M. Bald, Chairman, and W. H. Corkhill, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Tilba Tilba.

(2.) By Mr. Estell,—From William Timmins, Mayor, and Thomas Abel, Council Clerk, of the Borough of Plattsburg.

(3.) By Mr. Estell,—From William Johnson, Chairman, and John Stenhouse, Secretary, of Progress Committee, West Wallsend.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill under the Public Health Act, 1896.

(2.) Regulations of the Pharmacy Board under the Sale and Use of Poisons Act, 1876, and the Pharmacy Act, 1897.

(3.) Amended Regulation, No. 8, under the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Warialda under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of part of New South Head Road (diverted) by the Rose Bay Tramway.

(7.) Annual Report of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1901.

(8.) Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1901.

(9.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1901.

(10.) Report of Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1902.

(11.) Report of the proceedings of the Pharmacy Board during the year 1901.

(12.) Statement of the Trust Moneys Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March, 1902.

(13.) By-laws of the Borough of Ashfield under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(14.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(15.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gosford under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(16.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hunter's Hill under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(17.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for extending Station-yard at Towrang.
(18.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for improving the traffic on the Great Southern Railway by erection of Gate-house at Minto.
(19.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for extension of Station-yard at Wallendbeen.
(20.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for extension of Station-yard at Morpeth.
(21). Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for extending the Siding accommodation at Eulomogo.
(22.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for extension of Station-yard at Geurie.
(23.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for providing access to the Station-yard at Garland.
(24.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for improvement of Station-yard at Tamworth.
(25.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for improvement of Station-yard at Wambool.
(26.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd December, 1901,—"Case of E. L. Warton, Fettlers' "Ganger, Government Railways."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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"We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may "prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand Paragraph 3:—

"At the same time we regret to observe that the policy outlined in Your Excellency's Speech on "the questions of Constitutional Reform and Reduction of Members involves a serious departure "from that put before the electors by Ministers at the General Election, and further emphasised "at the Opening Session of the present Parliament, and such departure constitutes a breach of "faith with the electors and with Parliament."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 12 *JUNE*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Webster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Jessep and Mr. Clara.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th June*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(2.) Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the powers given by the Moore Estate Act of* 1879, *and the Moore Estate Amendment Act of* 1886, *and to provide for the receipt, investment, and disposal of the proceeds of the resumption of certain lands, and in other respects to amend the said Acts*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th June*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fallick, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Morton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Sleath, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wood,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria had given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) By Mr. Dight,—From Ben Pryor, Mayor, and Mark North, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Greta.

(2.) By Mr. Webster,—From S. L. Cohen, Mayor, and Jos. Cameron, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Moree.

(3.) By Mr. Henry Clarke,—From Henry Underhill, Mayor, and Fred J. Filmer, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Bega.

(4.) By Mr. Latimer,—From Isaac Stevenson, Mayor, and Allen Hancock, junior, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Burrowa.

(5.) By Mr. Morton,—From H. Kirwan King, M.B., Mayor, and J. W. Mills, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Nowra.

(6.) By Mr. Phillips,—From James A. Ryan, Mayor, and T. W. Haydon, Council Clerk, of the Municipal District of Dubbo.

Petitions received.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legitimation Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 1st July.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, and Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

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Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand Paragraph 3:—

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And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 *JUNE*, 1902, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.	Noes, 69.	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nobbs,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. See,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Law,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Collins,
Mr Nelson,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fallick.	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Jones,
Tellers,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. McLaurin.
	Mr. Nielsen,	*Tellers,*
	Mr. Crick,	
	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Briner,
	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher.
	Mr. Kidd,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. See informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech on Wednesday next, at a quarter past Four o'clock.

6. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. See moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

7. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. See moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes before Eight o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

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

(1.) Women's Franchise Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 37.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.

State Government House,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1902.

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

(2.) Municipal Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 38.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for municipal government.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17th June, 1902.

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

(3.) Borough of Drummoyne Enabling Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 39.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of £14,000 to pay off certain loans, and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 16th June, 1902.

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

(4.) Audit Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 40.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th May, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Suspension of Official, Tramway Construction Branch:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an official in the Tramway Construction Branch has been suspended for receiving bribes from several well-known Sydney firms?

(2.) Has any inquiry into this gentleman's conduct been instituted by the Public Service Board; if so, with what result?

(3.) Is it in the power of any official in the Construction Branch to order electrical material on his own responsibility, without consulting in any way the Secretary for Works?

(4.) Is there any gentleman named G. Fischer in the employ of the Works Department; if not, was he ever in such employ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No; but an officer was suspended for a breach of the Public Service Regulations, *i.e.*, being absent from duty without leave.

(2.) An inquiry was held, and, in view of evidence adduced, the Board has recommended that the officer referred to be dismissed the Service.

(3.) No.

(4.) Mr. Gustav J. Fischer was employed in the Department, but he was suspended from duty on the 6th January.

(2.) Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners have suggested to the Government the advisability of handing over to them "The Rocks" resumed area; if so, what was the reply thereto?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the names of all the staff employed by Captain Jackson, the weekly pay of each, and the method by which each man was appointed?

(3.) Will he authoritatively state that political patronage has been abolished in connection with the employment of labour in the resumed area?

(4.) When will the work of demolition be taken in hand thoroughly, so as to give employment to many badly needing it?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) A suggestion to that effect was made, but has not been acted upon.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) So far as I know, political patronage has been abolished.

(4.) When more funds are available.

(3.) Watchmen, Tramway Construction Branch:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the hours of the watchmen employed by the Tramway Construction Branch, and the rate of pay?

(2.) Is there any truth in the statement that some watchmen employed by the Construction Branch work over 100 hours a week for the paltry pittance of £2 2s. per week?

(3.) If such is a fact, will he reduce the hours of these men, or increase the pay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Hours of night watchmen—Quarter to 5 o'clock p.m. to 6 o'clock a.m., for seven nights per week; rate of pay—£2 2s. per week.

(2.) No.

(3.) Watchmen generally keep about the same hours on duty, but pay varies; £2 2s. per week is the maximum rate.

(4.) Litigation between Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co. and the Treasury:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that litigation has been pending between Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co. and the Treasury?

(2.) If so, what was the cause of action; and is it a fact that the Government paid £1,000 to settle same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To recover a deposit on a contract; a final settlement has not yet been made.

(5.) State Labour Bureau:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What system is adopted in choosing men for work registered at the State Labour Bureau, King-street?

(2.) Is he aware that many men who were among the first registered there have never received any offer of employment, and could he supply the reason therefor?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The method of selecting men is by rotation, which is fixed by priority of registration.

(2.) There has been no demand for the services of some of the first registered men in certain trades or callings, hence the reason of their not being sent for.

(6.) Lemon Curing:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the Government ever conducted any experiments in the way of lemon curing; if so, with what result?

(2.) If no such experiment has been tried, will he recommend the expenditure of such an amount as will give the fruit-growers an idea that such a process is possible in our moist climate?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Some years ago small experiments were successfully made with the curing of lemons.

(2.) An experiment on an extensive scale is now being carried out, and when completed the results will be made public.

(7.) The Morgue:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the existing inadequate condition of Sydney's present Morgue, as set out in articles in the *Evening News?*
(2.) If so, can he see his way to make better provision for the proper recognition of the feelings of suddenly bereaved persons, and for the better performance of duties by the officers connected with the Coroner's office?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) After considerable difficulty, a site for a new building in George-street North has been suggested by this Department, and the matter is now under the consideration of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.

(8.) Metropolitan Fire Brigade Premises:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he made up his mind to resume the properties in Castlereagh, Pitt, and Bathurst Streets needed for the extension of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade premises?
(2.) If so, will he take action before the expensive business premises, lately started in Pitt-street, near Bathurst-street, are further proceeded with, and by so doing save a considerable amount of compensation?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is under consideration.

(9.) Soldiers returned by the "Aurania":—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Were certain charges levelled by the Press against the conduct at Albany of the returning soldiers by the "Aurania"; and was it alleged that they destroyed property there to the value of several hundreds of pounds?
(2.) Were such charges denied by Colonel Lassetter, the officer in charge of these soldiers?
(3.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the above denial, the whole of the soldiers referred to have been subjected to certain deductions from the pay due them, ostensibly for the purpose of meeting claims made by residents of Albany?
(4.) What was the total amount of such deductions, and were all soldiers alike compelled to submit to same?

Mr. See answered,—
(1 and 2.) Yes.
(3.) The only claim for damages received is £64 14s. 8d., for goods, &c., on the "Aurania," which amount will not be charged to the men.
(4.) A Court of Inquiry has been held, and the papers have been forwarded to Sir Edward Hutton. The result of the inquiry and evidence will be published in due course.

(10.) Money Granted for Public Works:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of money granted by the Government for public works in each electoral district of New South Wales since the opening of the present Parliament?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

(11.) Swamp Drainage, Lower Macleay District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it his intention to deal during the current Session with the question of swamp drainage in the Lower Macleay district?
(2.) Will he authorise the early completion of plans and estimates of cost in connection with the proposed scheme?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) I can make no promise until I receive the plans and estimates.
(2.) I am informed that the plans and estimates of cost will be ready for submission to me in about a month's time.

(12.) Coff's Harbour Improvements:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the advisability of submitting to Parliament during the current Session a proposal to refer to the Public Works Committee the question of sea-walls and other improvements at Coff's Harbour, which is considered capable of being made the safest and best port north of Newcastle?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I do not think it advisable to submit this proposal to the Public Works Committee at present, as this question is involved in the inquiry into the extension of the railway from the table-land of New England to the coast now before that body.

(13.) Coronation Celebrations:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the distress prevailing in country and city alike, owing to the drought and other causes, will the Government seriously consider the absolute necessity of spending as little money as possible upon illuminations and general festivity in celebrating the Coronation, and devote any spare available funds to alleviating distress and providing necessary employment?

Mr. See answered,—The only expenditure to be incurred will be for labour in placing into position the devices used on the occasion of the arrival of the Governor-General and the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York; and about £2,000 in entertaining the poor of the State.

(14.) Returned Soldiers from South Africa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the soldiers who returned by the "Aurania" received the whole of the pay due to them; and, if not, why not?

Mr. See answered,—The whole of the pay due to the men, less their gratuities, has been paid, excepting about six men for whom further particulars were required, which have been cabled for.

(15.) Returned Soldiers from South Africa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In connection with the claim of returned soldiers for pay alleged by them to be due, and in connection with which a case is before the Courts, is Colonel Roberts regarded as an important witness?

(2.) Is Colonel Roberts absent from the State at the present time; and was the postponement of the case applied for by the Crown because of this circumstance?

(3.) How was it that the Crown did not conserve time by taking Colonel Roberts' evidence by Commission?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the absence of Colonel Roberts was one of several reasons set out in the affidavit upon which the Court acted.

(3.) Colonel Roberts left the State very suddenly in obedience to an unexpected summons to attend the Coronation as one of His Majesty's Aides-de-Camp.

(16.) Water Works, Ballina:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Department of Public Works proposes to construct water works at Ballina, at an estimated cost of from £12,000 to £14,000?

(2.) Is he aware that it is only a majority in the Municipal Council, most of whom own no property in the town, who are agitating for the expenditure of this money, while a majority of the ratepayers of the municipality are decidedly and actively opposed to it?

(3.) Is he aware that the ratepayers, at a public meeting two years ago, authorised the Council to negotiate for a supply costing not more than £10,000, which would mean a rate of 1s. in the £, to cover interest and working expenses, and that the Council subsequently, and without consulting the ratepayers, agreed to the scheme costing between £12,000 and £14,000, and pledged the rates to pay for the same up to 2s. in the £ under the provisions of a proposed Municipal Bill?

(4.) Is he aware that some months ago the Council was petitioned by forty-six ratepayers to refer the water supply scheme to the people by referendum, and that the petition was ignored; also that the Council was again urged, by resolution carried unanimously at the biggest ratepayers' meeting ever held in Ballina, to grant the referendum, and that for the second, and yet a third time, the request was ignored?

(5.) Is he aware that the figures supplied to the Department, showing sales of water, £241, were never discussed by the Council, but were submitted by the Mayor without the Council's authority, and that they are generally denounced by the ratepayers and the local press as being purely fictitious?

(6.) Is he aware that the Council has already a standing debt of £2,600, and that according to this year's assessment, while the capital value of the whole of the land in the municipality is set down at £34,000, the proposed water debt, added to the debt existent, will total half of that amount?

(7.) In the face of these facts, is it his intention to force this expenditure on the people of the town?

(8.) Is it his intention to see that the Council takes a referendum of the ratepayers before proceeding any further with the proposal?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes; at an estimated cost of £12,250.

(2.) What I am aware of is that the Municipal Council, in their official capacity representing the ratepayers, have signed the usual bond guaranteeing the repayments.

(3.) I am not aware that the ratepayers limited the Council to a rate of 1s. in the £; but I am aware that the Council have agreed to repay the amount required.

(4.) I am aware that some opposition has been raised against the scheme.

(5.) I am not aware of this.

(6.) I am informed the Council has a debt of £2,600.

(7.) I have never forced this expenditure on the residents; but am simply carrying out a work, which the people's representatives have urged upon the Department, under the Act passed for such a purpose.

(8.) This is a matter beyond my province. I may add that the work is well in hand, all the material having been ordered, and a portion delivered.

(17.) Agent-General's Office, London:—Mr Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are appointments to the Agent-General's Office in London made by the Public Service Board?

(2.) Is the Mr. A. G. H. Wise, who has been recently appointed to the Agent-General's Office in London, the same gentleman who was retrenched from the Public Works Department immediately the Public Service Board came into power?

(3.) What qualifications does Mr. Wise possess for the position to which he has been appointed?

(4.) Were officers in the Service, who possessed sufficient ability to retain their positions under the Public Service Board, given an opportunity of applying for the position in London?

(5.) Were applications for the position invited in London, or elsewhere, and, if so, in what manner, and with what result; if not, upon whose recommendation was Mr. Wise appointed?

(6.) Has Mr. Wise been in the Government service since he was retired in 1896; if so, in what capacity, and for what period?

(7.) What is the object of publishing Mr. Wise's appointment under the heading "Promotions "and Transfers"?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) Appointments to the staff of the Agent-General's Office are made by the Governor on the recommendation of the Public Service Board.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) The position is that of a junior clerk at a salary of £150 per annum. It is considered that Mr. Wise has the necessary qualifications; he was previously for nearly seven years a permanent officer of the Service, and was particularly useful in a secretarial capacity to Sir William Lyne and Mr. Bruce Smith when those gentlemen held the office of Minister for Works. The Under Secretary also found him very useful for certain classes of work. He is an excellent French scholar and possesses a fair knowledge of German and Italian, qualifications most useful and desirable in the office of the Agent-General.
(4.) Mr. Wise was not retired for any want of ability, but simply because at the time of his retirement there were a number of officers in excess of requirements. Of the officers retired in 1896 the majority of those who were eligible for reappointment have since been taken back into the Service as vacancies occurred, the Board considering it to be the intention of the Public Service Act that this should be done. Any officer of the Service who desired to apply for the vacant position was at liberty to do so.
(5.) Applications were not invited. There was no occasion for this to be done. The rights of retrenched officers to reappointment are specially conserved, as before pointed out, by section 72 of the Public Service Act. The appointment of Mr. Wise was recommended by the Permanent Head of the Department, and the Public Service Board accepted this recommendation, and forwarded the statutory recommendation to the Governor-in-Council.
(6.) No; he was offered a position in the Free Public Library, but declined it.
(7.) The appointment was not published in the *Gazette* under the heading "Promotions and "Transfers."

(18.) Shipping Master:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it true that the Shipping Master has accepted an appointment under the Federal Government as Officer Commanding N.S.W. Naval Forces?
(2.) Are his duties in the Shipping Office of such a character that this officer has time to devote to Federal duties?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) Having been connected with the Naval Forces for many years, he has lately been placed temporarily in command.
(2.) The duties of Shipping Master do not interfere with naval work, which is carried out after office hours.

(19.) Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Macdonell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he state the prices per cubic foot at which the various firms who tendered for the supply of freestone required for the additions to the Prince Alfred Hospital were prepared to supply the article?
(2.) Will he give the same information regarding the price per cubic foot for the stone required for the Fisher Library at the Sydney University?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Green Bros., 1s. 2d.; Phippard Bros., 1s. 3d.; N. Ryan, 1s. 5d.; R. Saunders, 1s. 6d.
(2.) Green Bros., 1s. 2d., 1s. 5d, and 1s. 9d.; N. Ryan, 1s. 4d., 1s. 4d., and 1s. 4d.; R. Saunders, 1s. 6d., 2s., and 3s.; Phippard Bros., 1s. 5d., 2s., and 3s. Exhaustive investigations and tests are now being made as to the working and weathering qualities, available quantities, durability, and appearance of the several stones tendered for, the importance and extent of the works requiring the utmost care in selection before a recommendation can be made.

(20.) Sydney Harbour Trust Revenue:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the revenue derived from the Sydney Harbour Trust for the month of May was £22,467?
(2.) Is it a fact that the expenditure for the Sydney Harbour Trust for the month of May was £13,032; if so, what are the details of such expenditure?
(3.) If the above amounts of receipts and expenditure are not correct, will he give the proper amounts of each in detail for the month of May?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No; the money expended by the Commissioners during the month of May from the amount voted by Parliament for administration and maintenance was only £8,219.
(3.) In accordance with the provisions of the "Sydney Harbour Trust Act," the details of revenue and expenditure will be furnished to Parliament in due course.

(21.) Government Tram Fares for Students, &c.:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consult with the Railway Commissioners, and ascertain if it be possible to arrange a system of fares on the Government trams for students attending technical, shorthand, typing, and other colleges and schools similar to those now charged on Government railways?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have communicated with the Railway Commissioners in the matter. In view of the very reasonable fares which now exist on the tramways and the difficulty of guarding against abuses if concessions were allowed, the Commissioners cannot see their way to favour the introduction of a reduced scale as suggested.

(22.) Darling Harbour Resumptions:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. McCoy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact, in connection with the Darling Harbour resumptions, that the Crown Solicitor declines to make refunds to the owners of properties of city and water and sewerage rates paid by them?

Mr. See answered,—Yes; the Crown Solicitor, acting under instructions from the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, declines to make refunds of city and water and sewerage rates. Such refunds are, however, made in the case of land tax.

(23.) Hawkesbury Agricultural College:—Mr. Brinsley Hall asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Will he inform this House what area of land is under citrus fruit trees at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College?
(2.) How long have the experts been endeavouring to eradicate the various fruit pests therefrom?
(3.) Have they been absolutely successful in permanently eradicating the pests?
(4.) What has been the cost of the experiments in respect to this special work?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) About 6 acres.
(2.) Experiments with various insecticides have been made since the orchard was planted.
(3.) Fumigation with hydrocyanic acid gas is so successful that one fumigation a year keeps the orchard clean.
(4.) The cost of treatment with this gas was £5 3s. for treating 275 trees, with cyanide costing 1s. 4d. per lb. As cyanide can now be obtained at from 11d. to 1s. per lb., and sulphuric acid at 10s. per cwt., the cost would be much less at the present time.

(24.) Folly Point Tramway:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is the construction of the Folly Point Tramway now being proceeded with?
(2.) Can he inform me how much this work has cost up to date?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) £831; which amount includes expenses of survey and cost of permanent-way material already delivered on site. All this outlay, excepting a portion of the cost of surveys, will be utilised for a tramway extension as far as Raleigh-street, North Sydney.

(25.) Wyalong Bench of Magistrates:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the report of a dispute between the occupants of the Bench in the Wyalong Police Court on 6th June?
(2.) Will he, in the interests of justice, call for a report on the matter, and lay same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

(26.) Increases to Public Servants:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that out of the £136,000 increases voted to the public servants last Session only £20,000 or £25,000 of that sum was recommended by the Public Service Board?
(2.) Has he not said on several occasions that the £136,000 was the recommendation of the said Public Service Board?
(3.) Will he see for the future that correct estimates of expenditure are laid before the Members of this House, so that they will know what the Public Service Board recommends, and what it does not?

Mr. See answered,—The salaries of public servants for the present financial year have not been increased by the sum of £136,000. A return will shortly be laid upon the Table of this House showing approximately the amount of increases granted and the amount of increased cost due to the creation of new positions. This will probably give the explanation desired by the Honorable Member.

(27.) Alterations to Prince Alfred Hospital:—*Mr. Jessep*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What are the names of the firms who tendered to supply stone for alterations to administrative block, Prince Alfred Hospital?
(2.) What was the price per cubic foot of each tender?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Green Bros., 1s. 2d.; Phippard Bros., 1s. 3d.; N. Ryan, 1s. 5d.; R. Saunders, 1s. 6d.

(28.) Assessment under the Rabbit Act:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) In view of the fact that section 10 of the Rabbit Act states: "And every person whose name "is on the roll referred to in the last preceding section shall be entitled to a vote at such election, "and the necessary qualification to entitle a person to have his name on the roll shall be that such "person has been assessed, or is liable to be assessed, for payment of rates under section 14 "hereof;" and that section 14 states: "And the Board shall assess and rate every owner or "occupier who has ten head or more of large stock, and 100 sheep or more;"—how does he propose to have a roll prepared, or a rate struck, in an electorate such as Raleigh, where there are no sheep, seeing that, according to the Act, a person to be liable to assessment must have large stock and sheep?
(2.) In view of the reading of the Act as quoted, how does he propose to have an assessment struck in districts where there are sheep, but no large stock of the number required?

Mr.

Mr. Bennett answered,—The Rabbit Act, in section 14, provides that the amounts levied under the rate shall be determined by the Board in respect of the holdings within its district, and the Board shall assess every owner or occupier who has ten head or more of large stock and 100 sheep or more. This has been read in the Department as meaning every owner or occupier who has ten head or more of large stock, and every owner or occupier who has 100 sheep or more.

(29.) Land Resumed between Pitt and George Streets:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What was the total amount paid for the land resumed between Pitt and George streets, facing the General Post Office?
(2.) What is the total amount of money received, net, for the portions sold out of the above-named resumed land?
(3.) What is the approximate value of the portion still held by the Government?
(4.) Has the Government paid any money as betterment, under the Moore-street Improvement Act, on the whole of this resumed land, to the City Council; if not, do they intend to pay any?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) £587,467 2s. 2d., exclusive of legal expenses, &c.
(2.) £221,604 5s. 3d.
(3.) £87,500.
(4.) No money has been paid to the City Council as betterment on the resumed land in question. A sum of £2,232 2s. 6d. has been paid as betterment on the General Post Office up to the end of 1898, but nothing since that date.

(30.) Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many property-owners in the resumed "Rocks" area have agreed to leave their compensation moneys with the Treasury?
(2.) Would he supply the names of such property-owners and the amount of such compensation money left by each in the Treasury?

Mr. See answered,—As regards the first Question, the Treasury Department can only state how many owners (without specifying Darling Harbour or "Rocks" area) have actually left their moneys with the Treasury; and, as to part 2, it is considered that names should not be furnished, as the parties concerned would most probably object to private business matters being made public. The total amount only should, it is considered, be furnished.

(31.) Rules and Regulations of the Companies Act:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the rules and regulations of the Companies Act are, and have been, constantly infringed?
(2.) How many penalties have been inflicted under the said Act, and the total amount of same to date?

Mr. See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Registrar-General:—
(1.) The only infringements of the provisions of the Companies Act which came before this Department are in connection with the non-registration of annual returns, balance-sheets, officers' and liquidators' returns. The majority of companies which fail to comply with the requirements of the Act as to registration are, in reality, defunct. The proportion of those still in existence which omit to make returns is, owing to the system of check in vogue in the Department, a very small one.
(2.) As far as I am aware, no penalties have been inflicted under the Act, although in one or two cases inquiries have been recommended with a view to proceedings being instituted.

(32.) Railway Freight on Newspapers:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Did the proprietors of the Sydney Press ever pay railway freight on their newspapers; if so, when was the practice discontinued, and for what reason?
(2.) If ordinary railway freight was paid for the carriage of the Sydney newspapers, how much would it amount to per annum?
(3.) What is the average daily weight of Sydney newspapers which leaves the city by rail?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed that the original arrangements in regard to the carriage of newspapers were made many years ago, and there is some little difficulty in collating full particulars; but it would appear that newspapers at one time paid direct freights on the papers carried by rail. In 1873, however, the Postal Act passed in that year provided for the free conveyance of all newspapers throughout the Colony, and at the request of the Postal Department the Sydney papers were taken direct to the railway station, and freight has been paid by the Postal Department since January, 1874, up to August last, when the Department gave notice that it would not be responsible in future for the annual payment of £2,500 which was allowed for the carriage of newspapers by rail throughout the State.
(2.) About £9,800; but, it may be added, that it is usual for a special rate to be imposed for newspapers regularly and continuously carried, and it is proposed to charge the papers that use the railways an annual sum for the service. It is understood that the amounts suggested would be about equal to what is charged in the adjoining State of Victoria, and more than was recently paid by the Postal Department.
(3.) 6 tons.

(33.) Newspaper Train:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The estimated cost to the revenue of the newspaper (early morning) train since its establishment?
(2.) The approximate or actual loss to the revenue of the free postage on newspapers from the inception of the system until the Postal Department passed to the control of the Commonwealth?
(3.) The amount per annum represented by Government advertisements in the daily Press?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—I am informed that no newspaper trains are run, mixed trains, chiefly goods, being utilised for the service. It is not possible, especially for such an extended period, to give the cost of these trains, as it is not the custom to keep separate the cost of any particular train; but the average cost last year of all trains was 3s. 9½d. per train mile. The average earnings of the trains from Sydney by which the papers are carried show a margin of profit, and the trains would require to run whether they conveyed newspapers or not.

(34.) Alien Labour:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he in future stipulate, in all improvement leases, that no alien labour shall be employed in ringbarking, tank-sinking, &c.?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague will give the matter consideration; but he doubts whether, under the present law, such a condition could be enforced.

(35.) Bore Area Blocks:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many of the Bore Area blocks have been leased since 1st January, 1900?

(2.) The names of the lessees, not including leases granted since 1st January, 1902?

(3.) Under what terms were such blocks leased?

(4.) What moneys have been received by the Department from the lessee or lessees above referred to?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Assuming that the Honorable Member refers to the Moree Bore area, it appears that Arthur Thompson has, since November, 1899, held a special lease of blocks 61 and 62, in all 30 acres, at a rental of £10 10s. per annum—term of lease, 1st March, 1899, to 31st December, 1919. Conditions quoted in *Gazette* Notice of 4th November, 1899. He also held a permissive occupancy of the remaining blocks (except Nos. 54, 63, and 64) until lease of the blocks (except No. 3) were granted, or they were otherwise disposed of. This permissive occupancy was terminated on 30th April, 1902.

(4.) The amounts paid by Mr. Thompson in respect of these lands were:—

	£	s.	d.
On Special Lease No. 2,164.			
Expenses	3	4	4
Rent...	50	5	0
On Permissive Occupancy.			
Rent...	78	15	7
Total...	£132	4	11

(36.) Scheduled Roads of the State:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that instructions were issued from his office that only 50 per cent. of the money voted by this House, to be expended on the scheduled roads of this State, was to be expended up to April last, the balance to be dealt with after that date on instructions issued?

(2.) Is it a fact that such is done for the purpose of throwing the said expenditure into next year, and making a saving this year?

(3.) What is the total amount already expended and paid out of the authorised Vote for roads on the schedule up to 30th April?

(4.) What was the total cost for tenders received and accepted for the scheduled roads up to the 31st March last; and what was the total cost of tenders received and accepted for work to be done on the scheduled roads since the 1st of April last?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The following circular was issued on 13th August, 1901:—"Supply having been granted to "the extent of £400,000, the Minister has approved of expenditure being proceeded with on the "basis of Schedule Votes for Main and Minor Roads for the last financial year, provided that no "more than 50 per cent. of the total Vote for the district be expended before the 31st December, "1901, and the expenditure on any one Vote does not exceed that for the particular road or work "for 1900–1." It will be seen that the circular only applied to the first six months of the financial year.

(2.) Certainly not.

(3.) £623,567 9s. 8d. for the first ten months of the financial year out of £740,000 voted.

(4.) To 31st March, 1902, £305,831; to 31st May, 1902, £36,640; total, £342,471. This sum refers to contracts only; but the Honorable Member should recollect that much of the road work is done by day labour.

(37.) Darling Harbour Resumptions:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total amount authorised by Parliament to be raised by loan for the payment of resumptions at Darling Harbour, The Rocks, and the Devonshire-street Cemetery, Convent, and other lands and buildings in that block?

(2.) What is the total amount raised to date of the above authorised loans?

(3.) What is the total amount expended to date on Darling Harbour, Rocks, and Devonshire-street Cemetery, and other buildings, of the money raised?

(4.) On what particular portions was the expended money laid out?

(5.) What is the estimated total expense of the various resumptions named in Question No. 1, and the amounts still due on same?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to let Parliament say whether that portion between Pitt, Gipps, and George streets should be resumed, before they decide to do so?

(7.) Whether it is their intention to do so or not, what is the estimated cost of the said proposed resumption; and how is it proposed to pay for it if resumed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would move for this information in the form of a return.

(38.) Resident Engineers:—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the practice of his Department to allow resident engineers a percentage on road moneys voted for their districts, but which, not being expended, are returned to the Treasury?

(2.) If so, what is the percentage?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Subordinate officers simply carry out instructions issued by the authority of the Head of the Department, and, when necessary, endorsed by the Minister, and it is almost needless for me to say that such a practice does not exist.

(39.) Training-walls at the Entrance to the Macleay, Clarence, and Richmond Rivers:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The cost per ton of the stone used in constructing the training-walls at the entrance to the Macleay, Clarence, and Richmond Rivers respectively?

(2.) The total amount of money to date expended in improving the entrances to (*a*) Macleay River; (*b*) Clarence River; (*c*) Richmond River?

(3.) The amount voted by Parliament on the last Loan Estimates for each of the rivers named?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Macleay River training-walls only, 32·75d. per ton; Clarence River training-walls only, 48·74d. per ton; Richmond River training-walls and breakwater, 51·21d. per ton.

(2.) (*a*) Macleay River, £59,695 8s.; (*b*) Clarence River, £433,628 3s. 10d.; (*c*) Richmond River, £334,484 2s. 9d.

(3.) Macleay River, £5,000; Clarence River, £33,000; Richmond River, £30,000.

(40.) Irrigation and Water Conservation:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What has become of the exhaustive report, furnished at considerable cost to the Government by Colonel Home, on the question of irrigation and water conservation as applied to New South Wales; in the event of it being discovered will he, in the public interest, cause it to be printed?

(2.) What was the amount paid to Colonel Home for this report?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The report was laid upon the Table, and printed under No. 19 report from Printing Committee, 14th October, 1897. I might add that Colonel Home was not asked to report by the present Government.

(2.) £2,100.

(41.) Cost of Sending Messrs. Turner and Knibbs to England:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the estimated cost of sending Messrs. Turner and Knibbs as a roving Commission to Europe and Great Britain, to inquire into the systems of education in vogue there?

(2.) Could not the information which they will require have been obtained in a much more simple and inexpensive manner?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) About £1,500.

(2.) Not in my opinion.

(42.) Officers Appointed to the Positions of Under Secretary for Mines and Under Secretary for Agriculture:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names of the officers appointed to the positions of (1) Under Secretary for Mines; and (2) Under Secretary for Agriculture?

(2.) Did the Public Service Board offer any objection to the translation of the gentlemen named?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No appointments have yet been made.

(43.) Civil Servants Retiring from the Superannuation Fund:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended to allow Civil Servants who, labouring under the impression that temporary service would not count for pensions, and believing, therefore, that they were ineligible to derive any benefits, retired from the Superannuation Fund, to be reinstated on the fund on payment of such contributions as are in arrears?

(2.) Have any applications to be so reinstated been received; and, if so, how many, and how have the applicants been treated?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—A few requests of the nature referred to have been received, but to comply with them would require an amendment of the law.

(44.) Bankruptcy of Lewis J. B. Snelling:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the allegation made by Lewis J. B. Snelling, before the Registrar in Bankruptcy on 22nd April, to the effect that he attributed his failure to "the "cancellation by Mr. O'Sullivan of Government Contracts to the amount of £1,600, on the ground "that he was behind time in his delivery of sleepers;" but that, "as a matter of fact, he was "behind time under an express verbal agreement with the Engineer-in-charge"?

(2.) Has inquiry been made on this latter point of the Engineer-in-charge at Narrabri?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Mr. Snelling had a contract to supply 100,000 sleepers for Narrabri to Walgett line. He was also asked to supply 10,000 to complete the Moree to Inverell railway; to that extent he was delayed in the completion of the larger contract. This matter was taken into consideration when dealing with Mr. Snelling, and the fact remains that he did not fulfil his engagement. That he failed to do so, I am informed, was chiefly due to the disinclination of the sleeper-cutters to work for the prices that he could pay them, and when their application to me to deliver sleepers direct was conceded, it became impossible for Mr. Snelling to carry on, therefore, his contract had to be cancelled. To wait the convenience of contractors for sleepers means a delay in railway construction, and causes great loss of public money.

(45.) Proposed Railway to connect Merriwa with the Northern Line:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, early this Session, have referred to the Public Works Committee the proposed railway to connect Merriwa with the Northern railway line?

Mr O'Sullivan answered,—I can make no definite promise at present, until the railway policy for this Session has been decided by the Cabinet.

(46.) Defamation Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to certain remarks on the defectiveness of our present libel laws made by Mr. Justice Owen on 31st May, in his charge to the jury in the case of Lee *v.* Tung Wah Newspaper Company?

(2.) Is he aware that the New South Wales Defamation Act (11 Vic. No. 13) was passed fifty-four years ago, when the conditions of the Colony were very different from what they are to-day?

(3.) Is he aware that liberal legislation on the subject of defamation has been passed in England during the past twenty years or so, and has been largely followed in other States?

(4.) Is he aware that Supreme Court Judges have repeatedly called attention to the necessity for legislation in this respect, in language similar to that used by Mr. Justice Owen on 31st May?

(5.) Will the Government undertake to introduce, this Session, a Bill to amend the Law of Defamation on the lines of the English statutes referred to in paragraph 3 of this Question?

(6.) If not, will he promise to give Mr. Levy an opportunity of introducing such a measure as a private Member's Bill?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 to 4.) Yes.

(5 and 6.) A measure on these lines has twice passed the Legislative Council during the last three years. The Government will again introduce it.

(47.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. McCoy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision whereby the Civil Servants who discontinued subscribing to the Superannuation Fund, by virtue of the Public Service Act of 1895, shall obtain refunds, or equivalents therefor, of the amounts paid in by them to such fund?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to my replies to Questions of a somewhat similar nature on 29th August and 5th September last year. The general question of introducing an amending Bill dealing with the Superannuation Account is under consideration.

(48.) Griffin Chain Letter:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he inquire whether the police in New Zealand communicated with the police of New South Wales in reference to what is known as the "Griffin Chain Letter"?

(2.) If so, what reply was forwarded to the authorities in New Zealand as the result of inquiries made into the matter in this State?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police reports that:—A resident in New Zealand made such an inquiry, which was replied to through the Commissioner of Police requesting him to inform the writer that "the movement referred to was a genuine one, but an undesirable manner "of raising funds."

(49.) Old-age Pensions Act:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he contemplate asking Parliament, at an early date, to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, in the direction of providing for the payment of pensions to old and destitute persons who are now debarred the benefits of the measure in consequence of their having spent some few years of the period under which they would otherwise have been eligible for an allowance in another State?

Mr. See answered,—It is proposed, in an Amending Bill about to be introduced, to amend the provision as to occasional absences from the State.

(50.) St. Margaret's Unsectarian Maternity Home, Elizabeth-street, Sydney:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of giving a Government subsidy to St. Margaret's Unsectarian Maternity Home, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, similar to that given to the Salvation Home?

Mr. See answered,—I will have full inquiries made into this matter.

(51.) Hardwood Sleepers required by the Railway Department:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the schedule price of hardwood sleepers, required by the Railway Department to be delivered on the railway line between the Hawkesbury River and Newcastle, 3s. per sleeper?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that one contractor is being paid 3s. 1d. and 3s. 1½d. for sleepers, to the exclusion of other contractors who were willing to contract for the supply and delivery of sleepers at 3s. each?

(3.) Will he ask the Railway Commissioners if any reasons exist for the apparent discrimination between contractors here shown to prevail?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) I am informed there is no schedule price for sleepers delivered to the Railway Commissioners. Tenderers submit offers naming their own prices, and favourable quotations are accepted. The prices vary considerably, according to the demand at the time, the class of timber, and the point of delivery.

(2 and 3.) As previously pointed out, the prices vary, and it would be possible now to obtain better offers than were obtained when some contracts were let. The contract at 3s. 1d. was let on 3rd March last; that for 3s. 1½d. is an arrangement made in connection with the cancellation of a contract let on 13th January last at 3s. 4d.

(52.) Case of William Bros:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the case of a youth named William Bros, aged 17 years, who was sentenced by Judge Docker, at the present Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst, to six months' imprisonment and a flogging for an indecent assault on a girl of 10 years of age?

(2.) If so, will he, in view of the previous good character and respectable parentage, together with the other surroundings of this youth, consider the advisability of remitting the flogging part of the sentence, especially in face of the fact that older offenders convicted of similar offences, but of a more gross and outrageous character, were only sentenced at the same Sessions by the same Judge to terms of imprisonment alone?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The punishment was administered by the Gaoler in accordance with the sentence of the Judge on the evening of the day on which the sentence was passed. His Honor stated, in passing sentence, that upon the infliction of the whipping he would recommend the remission of the remainder of the sentence—which has been done. The evidence disclosed an offence which fully warranted summary punishment. It is thought that a whipping to a boy of seventeen is likely to do him more good than imprisonment. The whipping is with a leather tawse on the buttocks, which is a less severe punishment than many boys have received at school from a birch rod, and is not, as the Question seems to imply, a flogging with a cat. The lad was released some days ago, and handed over to the custody of his friends, who had provided a situation for him, and I saw them and facilitated the matter in every possible way.

(53.) Government Loans:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total available amount of loans authorised to the present date; from what Acts and for what purposes were the various amounts available now originally granted for, and the balance in each case; and are the balances now required for the original purposes?

(2.) How is the authorised £4,000,000 granted for resumptions appropriated; and if any balance, in what position does it stand?

(3.) What is the total amount of Loan money expended by the Lyne and See Governments since their taking office to present date?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would move for this information in the form of a return.

(54.) Railway Station, Pitt and Hay Streets:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount allowed as compensation for the buildings resumed for the new railway station in Pitt and Hay streets; who were the owners, and what were the amounts allowed to each?

(2.) What was the cost of taking down and preparing the materials for sale of all the buildings resumed in connection with the new railway station?

(3.) What was the amount received for the old materials sold from these buildings?

(4.) Was any of the material not sold; if so, what was the value, and what is it proposed to do with that reserved from sale?

(5.) What is the amount paid for the whole of the land and buildings resumed in connection with the new railway station up to date?

(6.) What is the amount, or approximate amount, yet to be paid in connection with the resumed land and buildings—land, said to be resumed between Pitt, George, and Gipps streets, not to be included in the last two questions?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) A number of these cases are still unsettled, therefore the information required cannot be completed.

(2.) Inclusive of all wages, salaries, and auctioneer's commission, &c., £2,697 1s. 8d.

(3.) £4,704 11s. 4d.

(4.) Yes; a very large quantity of stone has been kept for road-making, and other materials of over £1,000 in value were withheld from sale for various public purposes. That makes a receipt of about £6,000 for the sale of the old material.

(5.) £109,170.

(6.) Approximately, £180,000.

(55.) Donation from the Mansion House Patriotic Fund:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What sum of money was sent out from the Agent-General as a donation from the Mansion House Patriotic Fund?

(2.) Where was such sum placed, and what interest does it bear, and from what date; and in whose name is it deposited?

(3.) What sum was subscribed by the people of this State to the Patriotic Fund for New South Wales African soldiers, and what interest does it bear?

(4.) What sum has been paid the soldiers or their claimants?

(5.) What has been the cost to date for the management of such fund?

(6.) What sum was received from the Imperial Government in regard to contingents sent to South Africa, and what sum is still to the credit of that fund?

(7.) Have the Patriotic Fund Committee any claims that they have failed to adjust; if so, how many?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—
(1 and 2.) Nothing.
(3, 4, and 5.) A statement of accounts is published annually, in the month of July, and was so published in six different papers in the last week of July last. The books and accounts will be made up on 30th June next, and, with the auditors' report, will be published about the end of July, as usual, when the information asked for will, as usual, be available to the public.
(6.) Sums are only received from the Imperial Government War Office on presentation of accounts for disbursements or advances by this Government.
(7.) No.

(56.) Site for Inspector-General of Police Department:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Are the plans prepared for the Inspector-General's Department of Police on the site between Phillip, Hunter, and Elizabeth streets?
(2.) Is the money available to meet such cost; if so, when is it proposed the work of construction will be proceeded with, and if by contract or day labour?
(3.) If he is in possession of any information about the straightening of the tram-line from Phillip to Elizabeth streets that will necessitate the removal of the Railway Department's property known as Montagu Chambers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The plans for the offices of the Department of the Inspector-General of Police and Comptroller-General of Prisons are approaching completion.
(2.) A sum of £13,976 8s. 7d. is available towards meeting the cost of erection. It is anticipated the work of construction will proceed as early as possible. The question of contract or day labour has not yet been determined.
(3.) I am not in possession of any such information. This is a matter of maintenance which will be for the Railway Commissioners to decide.

(57.) Public School Teachers for South Africa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Have applications been called for through the Education Department from teachers associated therewith for service for a period in South Africa?
(2.) Is it intended to guarantee such applicants as may be accepted reappointment to the positions they at present occupy, in the event of their return after the expiration of their term in South Africa?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) No; but at the request of the Federal Government, the Chief Inspector of Schools has been permitted to act in conjunction with the Director of Education, Victoria, with a view to choosing suitable applicants for the service.
(2.) No; any teacher serving under the Education Department of this State who may be chosen will be required to resign her position, and no promise of reappointment on return can be held out.

(58.) City and Suburban Water Supply:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the necessity which exists for supplementing the water supply of the city and suburbs, will he cause a report to be prepared upon the practicability of a scheme for connecting the Grose River with the Prospect Reservoir; and if such report be satisfactory from the point of view of utility and efficiency, will he cause such steps to be taken as will enable the work to be carried out without delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This matter has been well kept before me by Mr. Brinsley Hall, M.P. for the electorate. The levels will not admit of connecting the Grose River to the Prospect Reservoir unless the river is tapped in very mountainous country, and this work would be very expensive. I am further informed by my responsible officers that a better and more inexpensive means of assuring a permanent supply of water for Sydney and environs can be obtained than from the Grose River, and such a scheme could be constructed more expeditiously than the Grose River one.

(59.) Duties on Fodder and Grain:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government, in view of the continuous drought and the dearth in this State of fodder and grain, urge upon the Federal Government the necessity which exists for suspending temporarily their collection of duty upon such commodities, with the view of enabling stock-owners throughout the State to obtain supplies from places outside the Commonwealth?

Mr. See answered,—I have already done so; but the Federal Government decline, for the reason that other States are not agreeable. The State Government, however, has met the case, as far as practicable, by reducing the rate for carriage of fodder upon the railways to a merely nominal charge. I may say, in addition, that a truck of goods consisting of 6 tons can be taken to Bourke, a distance of over 500 miles, for 12s., or 2s. a ton.

(60.) Residence of the State Governor:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What cost was incurred in the renovation of "Cranbrook," the residence of the State Governor?
(2.) What was the cost of additions to, furnishing, &c., Government House, in Macquarie-street, last year?
(3.) For how long a period was Government House, Macquarie-street, occupied last year?
(4.) Is it intended that this building shall remain unoccupied, except for brief intervals by the Governor-General?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Total cost, including furniture, linen, blankets, cutlery, crockery, &c., and general repairs, painting, and renovations, £7,764 15s. 7d.

(2.) Expenditure from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901, was £22,440 9s. 5d. This amount ought to be recouped by the Federal Government, which now controls the old State Government House.

(3.) I am informed that the Governor-General was in residence at Government House from 1st January till June, 1901; since then, I understand, it has been occupied for a few days on one or two occasions.

(4.) This is a matter for the Federal Government to decide, as that Government has possession of the building and grounds at present for the use of the Governor-General. I may add, in regard to Question 1, that the greatest economy has been exercised; and I am sure that if a sale had to be effected very shortly, a large amount of the cost in making the necessary provision for our State Governor would be returned by realisation.

(61.) Coronation of the King:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount is it intended to expend, and in what way will it be expended, in connection with the Coronation?

(2.) What amount has New South Wales received as its proportion of the amount voted for illumination purposes by the Federal Parliament?

(3.) How much money is it intended to expend upon illuminations in connection with State buildings; and how much, if any, upon entertainments for the poor?

Mr. See answered,—

(1 and 3.) I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply just given in answer to a similar Question (No. 13) asked by the Honorable Member for Raleigh.

(2.) No amount has been received from the Commonwealth for the purpose. We are not going to spend very much.

(62.) Officers of the State Borrowed by the Federal Government:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many New South Wales Officers of State have been in all "borrowed" by the Federal Government, and how many are still temporarily absent from their ordinary duties in this State?

(2.) If these officers can be "loaned" for protracted periods to the Federal Government, cannot the State manage to get along permanently without their services?

(3.) Did these officers draw their State salaries during absence in Melbourne?

Mr. See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.

(63.) Rocks Resumption:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many property owners and lessees have made demand for compensation in consequence of the resumption of their premises, &c., within the Rocks area?

(2.) How many of these claims have been settled; what is the total amount paid; and what is the Departmental estimate of the amount which will be finally paid in connection with the resumptions?

(3.) How many valuers outside the State Departments are employed in connection with the Rocks and harbour foreshores' resumptions, with their names and the fees or salaries paid?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Four hundred and ninety.

(2.) Ninety-five; total amount paid is £358,793; departmental estimate, £1,150,000.

(3.) Three—Messrs. Henry Gorman, A. W. S. Gregg, and E. C. Batt. Fees paid, £2,821 17s. 6d., to be paid, £590 12s. 6d. The figures given in (1) and (2) apply to the second resumption, which includes, besides the "Rocks" area proper, lands fronting Kent-street, Windmill-street, Argyle-street, and Lower Fort-street.

(64.) Technical College:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he take into consideration the necessity of appointing a Board of large employers of labour to advise as to the best form of education at the Technical College for artisans?

(2.) The same with high-class art and dairying?

(3.) The same with agriculture and subordinate branches?

Mr. Perry answered,—With a view of enlarging the scope of Technical Education, these Questions are now engaging the attention of the Department.

(65.) Inspectors of Stock, Health Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Mines,—

(1.) Have the inspectors of stock been instructed to assist farmers and squatters in devising special local means or otherwise for the saving of stock during the present drought?

(2.) Is he aware that twenty-five out of twenty-six head of cattle that had been used for dairy purposes, and passed as sound and healthy, are found to be diseased, and will he have the matter inquired into?

(3.) Is he aware that the dairy inspection of stock by health officers is not a success; and what steps, if any, does he intend to take to have this evil rectified?

(4.) By whom, and where are these men educated; and by whom are they examined?

(5.) Will he see that a board of veterinary surgeons is appointed as examiners, outside the Department, to test the qualification of dairy inspectors?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes; the inspectors of stock are instructed to assist stock-owners by advice at all times.

(2.) I am not aware of any such occurrence, and, in default of further information, can make no inquiry.

(3.) Health officers do not inspect. All inspection is performed by duly qualified veterinary surgeons.

(4.) None but thoroughly qualified men are employed. See No. 3.

(5.) When the necessity is shown, the matter will have consideration.

(66.) Mining on Private Lands Bill:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he reintroduce the Amending Mining on Private Lands Bill allowing of mining for all minerals on private land?

Mr. Kidd answered,—It is intended to reintroduce this Bill as early as possible this Session.

(67.) Men Working with the Trigonometrical and other Government Surveyors:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that men working with the trigonometrical and other Government surveyors receive only 5s. per day, or 35s. per week of seven days, from which payment for rations is deducted at rates varying from 10s. to 15s. per week?

(2.) Is it a fact that the leading men of survey parties only get 6s. per day, or 42s. per seven-day week, less similar deductions for rations?

(3.) Are these men not actually paid by the Government, although nominally employed by the surveyors?

(4.) Will he see that these men's wages are raised, so as to bring them up to the equivalent of the recognised minimum of 7s. per day?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) The wages of labourers employed in the trigonometrical and surveyors' parties vary from 5s. to 7s. 6d. per diem for seven days per week, from which they pay for rations about 10s. 6d. per week each.

(2.) The ruling rate for foreman is 42s. per week, with the usual deduction for rations. It is pointed out that the surveyors' labourers, in addition to being granted holidays, are provided with camp requisites, and do not suffer deductions of pay through any lost time through inclement weather or other causes.

(3.) The men are paid by the surveyor, who is recouped by the Government.

(4.) To raise the pay of the whole of the surveyors' labourers to 42s. per week would mean an additional expenditure of upwards of £2,000 per annum.

(68.) Viaduct between Penrith Railway Station and Nepean River:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners ordered the material for the new viaduct between Penrith railway station and the Nepean River; if so, when will the work be started, or tenders called for the work?

(2.) When will tenders be called for a new railway bridge over the Nepean River at Penrith?

(3.) Have the Railway Commissioners ordered the material for a new viaduct at Emu Plains, or do they intend calling for tenders for the erection of a new viaduct?

(4.) Is it a fact that a trial survey has been made from Emu Plains to Glenbrook to do away with a portion of the traffic that passes through the Glenbrook tunnel, or do they intend having a survey made?

(5.) Have the Commissioners made arrangements for carrying out the resolution of Parliament with regard to eight hours per day for railway employees?

(6.) Will the eight hours per day start from 1st July, 1902, as per resolution of Parliament?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that—

(1.) Material has been ordered, and the work of constructing girders, &c., will, it is anticipated, be commenced in about four months' time.

(2.) No arrangement has yet been made to construct a new railway bridge over the Nepean at Penrith; but the Public Works Department have been written to by the Commissioners, with a view of taking over the existing railway bridge in connection with the erection of a new structure for railway traffic.

(3.) The viaduct at Emu Plains is not at present in need of renewal, and no material has been ordered or tenders called.

(4.) No survey has been made for a new line between Emu Plains and Glenbrook; but the matter is under consideration.

(5 and 6.) Arrangements will be made for the application of the eight-hour principle to the running staff from the 1st of July next.

(69.) Labour Market:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Does the Labour Department of this State send to the Board of Trade, London, information as to the condition of the labour market of this State?

(2.) Is he aware that in the *Labour Gazette*, published in London by the Board of Trade, April, 1902, it is stated "That in the mining districts there is a good demand for miners at "collieries in this State"?

(3.) As there are many coal-miners seeking employment at the collieries in this State, without success, will he cause the information to be contradicted?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The information in question was not supplied by the Labour and Industry Department.

(3.) Yes.

(70.) Licensed Steamers for Outside Fishing:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it not necessary for steamers to be licensed, under the Navigation Act, for outside fishing?

(2.) How many, and what are the names, of such licensed steamers; also the number of people they are allowed to carry?

(3.) Is he aware the regulations are being infringed in this direction, and will he institute inquiries thereto?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Superintendent of Navigation is of opinion that vessels engaged on fishing excursions with passengers on board are bound to hold a certificate from the Department of Navigation. If these fishing vessels carry passengers in the ordinary way, by payment of fares, no difficulty is experienced in enforcing compliance with the Act; but some of them are chartered for a lump sum of money by private clubs or other similar associations, and used for club purposes, and the question of the liability of vessels so chartered to have a certificate under the Navigation Act has been referred to the Crown Solicitor, and is now receiving his consideration.

(71.) Dawes' Battery:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any definite decision been arrived at with the Federal Government in regard to handing over Dawes' Battery to this State?

(2.) Is he aware that the beauty of the reserve is being spoiled daily by being made the dumping-ground for somebody's timber, and will he give orders for its discontinuance?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Dawes' Point is the property of this State.

(2.) I am not aware, but will cause inquiries to be made. I may add that there has been a great deal of trouble during the last twelve months or more in connection with properties supposed to be transferred to the Federal Government, and I have been in frequent communication with reference to the matter. Let me further say that I intend to preserve these properties, not required by the Federal Government, for State use, more particularly the reserve at Dawes' Point.

(72.) Darling Harbour and Rock Resumptions:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many claims have been sent in to the Constructing Authority for compensation in reference to the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions?

(2.) What is the percentage of bad and defective titles?

(3.) How many of these claims have been reported upon to date?

(4.) How many offers have been made to claimants; how many accepted, refused, or paid to date?

(5.) How many cases of litigation are there pending against the Government in reference to these resumptions?

(6.) How many writs have been issued to date, and judgments obtained, by such claimants?

(7.) On what Act do the Government rely that they refuse to pay interest on mortgages where the delay in settlement is wholly the fault of the various Departments?

(8.) Will he state the reason why the compensation payable to business people and licensed victuallers are so long delayed?

(9.) In cases where the licensed victuallers are unable to pay the annual licensing fee of £30 next month, will the Government pay same, and charge the said fee to the licensees?

(10.) Is it a fact that a portion of the last £3,000,000 loan floated in London will be applied speedily to the settlement of the delayed claims?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Eight hundred and sixty-five.

(2.) It is impossible to say, without perusing every report on title drawn. Whether a title is defective or not is a question of degree. Very few titles, of course, are free entirely from defect.

(3.) Seven hundred and sixty-eight.

(4.) Five hundred and twenty-one offers, embracing 666 claims; 331 accepted, 190 outstanding, 217 paid.

(5.) Five.

(6.) Fourteen writs issued, six judgments obtained.

(7.) It is impossible to answer this Question unless the circumstances under which the alleged delay occurred are stated. The Acts relating to the resumptions generally are the "Public Works "Act, 1900," and the "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act."

(8.) The difficulty of granting extended leases pending determination of the permanent scheme for the utilisation of the area.

(9.) The matter is under consideration.

(10.) Any claims completed will be met from the General Loan Account. I am not aware that any claims have been delayed.

(73.) Unemployed Men Registered:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total of unemployed men now registered, (*a*) at the Labour Commissioners' Registry; (*b*) at the State Labour Board, Chancery Square; (*c*) at the Trades Hall?

(2.) Can he say what proportion this number bears to the total number of unemployed men in the city?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This is a matter that requires explanation, and the Question of the Honorable Member offers an opportunity for dispelling several misconceptions regarding the number of the unemployed in Sydney. Registrations do not indicate the true number of the unemployed eligible for work at the Labour Bureau, as many of those registered have been on the books for years, and may have registered several times during that period, have got employment, or have left Sydney. If registration did indicate the number of the unemployed, then they fell from 14,002 in 1896 to 5,487 in 1900, under me. The only true test of the number of the unemployed is the number eligible for work, or waiting for it. According to the last *Labour Bulletin*, edited by the Chief Labour Commissioner, the number of men eligible for work in the month of June at the Labour Bureau was only 1,511. At the State Labour Bureau and Trades' Hall Registry there were 5,021 registered in five months, and nearly 1,400 of these have been given work, and others have found private employment. Allowing for men at work or away from Sydney, there are not more than 4,000 men now waiting employment at the Labour Bureau, Trades Hall, and State Labour Board combined. These returns constitute a crushing reply to those who contend that the policy of this Government has increased the number of the unemployed. When we took office there were many more than 4,000 eligible for work, therefore our policy has not brought men to Sydney in large numbers,

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as stated by ill-informed persons. During the month of May, 511 men were sent to work from the three institutions mentioned. It is impossible to say what proportion registrations of men eligible for work at the Labour Bureau, State Labour Board, and Trades Hall bear to the total unemployed in the city. The only true test of the number of the unemployed, as I have said, is the list of those registered as eligible for work. It is idle to indulge in outside speculations on this subject, but it seems probable that the drought will shortly considerably increase the number of the unemployed in Sydney. From the Female Registry, which has proved a great boon to the poorer classes, no less than 205 women were sent to employment in one month alone, free of all cost in the shape of fees, first week's salary, &c., as charged by some private registry offices.

(74.) Public Service Appointments :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the case of vacancies or new appointments in the Public Service for which persons already employed in the Service are eligible, will he see that some satisfactory means are adopted of conveying to Public Servants directly concerned the information that a vacancy has occurred, or of inviting them to enter into competition for promotion?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply :—The Public Service Board informs me that this is always done whenever practicable, either by inviting applications in the *Government Gazette* and newspapers, with an intimation that eligible persons already in the service will have prior consideration, or by inviting officers, through the Heads of Departments, to apply for positions that may be vacant. It is not always necessary to adopt either of these courses, as there may be officers in the Department where the vacancy exists who are eligible for and entitled to promotion, as provided by section 42 of the Public Service Act.

(75.) Proclamation of Districts under the Rabbit Act :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Did he not receive a protest from the Stock and Pastures Board at Kempsey against proclaiming that Board's district under the Rabbit Act?
(2.) As no rabbits exist, or ever did exist, in the Raleigh Electorate, or in any portion of the Port Macquarie Stock District, does he still consider it necessary to put the people to the expense of electing a Rabbit Board, and another assessment, when the Stock Board is willing to do anything that may be required?
(3.) Can he not see his way to suspend the operation of the Rabbit Act in such districts as the Macleay, Nambucca, Bellinger, and others on the North Coast, where no rabbits exist, until an Amending Act has been passed, amalgamating the Stock and the Rabbit Acts?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) It has been considered desirable to apply the provisions of the Act to the whole of the Eastern and Central Divisions of the State in view of the spread of rabbits. Stock Boards are not empowered to deal with the pest. Where there are only few rabbits the assessment need only be nominal.
(3.) I ask to postpone until to-morrow.

(76.) Forestry Bill :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) When does he propose to introduce a Forestry Bill?
(2.) As suggestions have been received concerning the matter from saw-mill owners and from forest rangers, will he be prepared to receive suggestions from the large body of men engaged in timber-getting?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) As soon as the state of business permits.
(2.) Yes.

(77.) Rabbit Act Assessments :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Rabbit Act provides that only owners of ten head or more of large stock and 100 head or more of sheep are liable for assessment?
(2.) Is it a fact that under this provision owners of only one class of stock can escape assessment altogether?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The Rabbit Act, in section 14, provides that the amounts levied under the rate shall be determined by the Board in respect of the holdings within its district, and the Board shall assess every owner or occupier who has ten head or more of large stock and 100 sheep or more. This has been read in the Department as meaning every owner or occupier who has ten head or more of large stock, and every owner or occupier who has 100 sheep or more.

(78.) Revenue from Customs and Excise :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has the duty of collecting the revenue from Customs and Excise been transferred to the Commonwealth Parliament?
(2.) If so, why is it that brewers are prosecuted for not holding a State license?
(3.) How can the officers of this State collect revenue from a Department which belongs to the Commonwealth?
(4.) Does the license held by a brewer entitle him to brew, sell, and distribute beer throughout the whole of the Commonwealth?
(5.) If not, why not?
(6.) Who has got authority to issue a brewer's license, or to collect revenue in this State?
(7.) Is he aware that when a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth, that the latter shall prevail, and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid?
(8.) Is it then inconsistent to charge brewers both a State and Commonwealth license?
(9.) If it be held that the law is inconsistent, then is not the State law invalid?

(10.) If it be held that the law is not inconsistent, then why is it that tobacco manufacturers, cigar, cigarette-makers, and all others who come within the Excise Law are not charged State license?

(11.) Can he state whether brewers in any of the other States of the Commonwealth are compelled to take out a State license?

(12.) Is he aware that a subject of the King resident in any State shall not be subject in any other State to any disability or discrimination, which would not be equally applicable to him if he were a subject of the King resident in such other State?

(13.) If the King's subjects in other States of the Commonwealth are not subjected to this double tax, then why are brewers so taxed here?

(14.) Is he aware that £18 15s. is returned to the State out of the license fee collected by the officers of the Commonwealth?

(15.) Is he aware that Mr. Deakin, Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, has stated that no license can be issued by a State, and no excise collected?

(16.) Will he take immediate steps to have the prosecution of brewers at once abandoned, and those who have been prosecuted compensated?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Brewers are required, in terms of the Liquor Act of 1898, to obtain a license from the Colonial Treasurer to enable them to sell in the State of New South Wales the beer they make in virtue of a license issued by the Commonwealth, so that this license is irrespective of any license issued to them by the Commonwealth. I have reason to believe that a State license is also required in Victoria. I am, however, making provision in the Amending Licensing Bill, shortly to be introduced, to deal with this matter; but under the present law, brewers must continue to pay their license fees to this State to enable them to legally sell the beer they make.

(79.) Unclassified Road Vote:—*Mr. Norton*, for Mr. Wood, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount expended up to date from the Unclassified Road Vote within the Metropolitan Road District during the Financial Year of 1901–2?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£26,999 4s. 7d. The reason for this expenditure is that we have occasionally to carry out road works in unincorporated suburban districts, and to give work to unemployed persons within the metropolitan area. This we have done upon necessary road works. No mere relief works have ever been started by this Government.

(80.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Newcastle:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the Department's estimate for the construction of Post and Telegraph Offices at Newcastle?

(2.) What was the amount of the two lowest tenders received for the same?

(3.) What has been the cost of same to date?

(4.) What is the probable amount it will take to finish same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The office estimate at the time of calling for tenders (February, 1900) was £18,000. On 1st March, 1901, however, a revised estimate based on the general rise in prices of material, &c., was made, amounting to £22,191. There were also additions and extras ordered by the Federal Government.

(2.) £19,229, the tenderer refusing to take up the contract; and £20,935.

(3.) The gross expenditure to 16th May, 1902, is £20,509 15s.; this includes work in original specification and additional works ordered by the Federal Government, &c.

(4.) £22,933 on original specification, or £32,191, also including upper colonnading, pavilions, and other extra works ordered by the Federal Government, &c.

(81.) Men Employed in Public Works Department under Day-labour System:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of men employed in the Public Works Department under the day-labour system on the days prior to the following days in the present year: Day of Humiliation and Prayer, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and St. Patrick's Day?

(2.) The number of men who received the holidays and were paid for the same, each day separately?

(3.) How many men worked on the above-mentioned days; and what amount, if any, were they paid above the ordinary rate of wages, each day separately?

(4.) What is the total cost of paying for these four holidays, giving each day separately?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Honorable Member must move for this information in the shape of a return in the usual way.

(82.) Release of Prisoners on occasion of the King's Coronation:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, on the occasion of the King's Coronation, to exercise the clemency of the Crown by releasing from the gaols of the State certain prisoners whose uniform good conduct and length of imprisonment may warrant the extension of mercy in their particular case?

Mr. See answered,—I will ascertain what course other States propose to take, as I think that any action should be uniform.

(83.) Sydenham Railway Accident:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he obtain from the Railway Commissioners, for the information of this House, a statement showing the amount of money paid by way of compensation in connection with the Sydenham railway accident?

(2.) Also the number of claims, if any, still remaining unsatisfied?

Mr.

Mr. See answered,—I am informed:—

(1.) The total amount paid for compensation, and for legal, medical, and other expenses, was £18,586 0s. 6d.

(2.) All claims have been settled, excepting one case where the Commissioners would not entertain the claim. Action was commenced to recover, but no further proceedings have been taken since June last year.

(84.) Case of Prisoner Gustavus Davis:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he have inquiries made into the case of prisoner Gustavus Davis, with the view of recommending his release from prison, where he is confined for an offence committed fourteen years ago at Dubbo, when he was a lad of 17 years of age?

(2.) Is he aware that this man was sentenced to death at Dubbo on 16th April, 1888; that the sentence was afterwards commuted to imprisonment for life; that the man he was charged with injuring is alive and well; and that the prisoner bears a most excellent character in gaol, and has been taught a useful trade whereby he could earn an honest living if given his freedom?

Mr. See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) This case has been the subject of ten inquiries since the year 1894, the last being in December, 1901.

(2.) I am not prepared at present to make any recommendation for a remission of sentence.

(85.) Fisheries Bill:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he, in view of the urgent necessity for a satisfactory measure dealing with the industry, fix an early date for the introduction of the long-promised Fisheries Bill?

(2.) Will he, as promised, bring in the Bill introduced by Mr. Brunker in the late Parliament?

Mr. See answered,—A Bill has been prepared, and will be introduced during the present Session.

3. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the tax-payer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) By Mr. W. F. Hurley,—From Joseph Parker, Chairman, and J. Travers, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Rydal.

(2.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From John Jordan, Chairman, and George T. K. Cole, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Committee, Mount Adrah.

(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From Robt. F. Talbot, Chairman, and Donald G. Crichton, Honorary Secretary, Nundle and District Progress Committee.

(4.) By Mr. Davidson,—From W. A. Spence, Mayor, and George W. Edwards, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Port Macquarie.

(5.) By Mr. Estell,—From Daniel Burkett, Chairman, and John Bentley, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Homesville.

(6.) By Mr. Sleath,—From E. G. Blackie, Chairman, and W. S. Adams, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, White Cliffs.

(7.) By Mr. Waddell,—From John Links, junr., Chairman, and John Edward Watson, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Carcoar.

Petitions received.

4. Papers:—

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Officers of this State borrowed by the Federal Government.

(2.) Correspondence respecting the appointment of Mr. Nahum Rapken to the Commission of the Peace.

(3.) Papers respecting the appointments of Thomas and William Cronin to the Commission of the Peace.

(4.) Report of the Police Department for the year 1901.

(5.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892—"Convictions under the Licensing "Act."

(6.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(7.) Bulletins Nos. 1 and 2 and 5 to 13 respecting the Census of New South Wales.

(8.) By-law of the Municipal District of Cobar.

(9.) First Report of the Royal Commission, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, &c., on the Sydney Water Supply.

(10.) Plans relating to the First Report of the Royal Commission on the Sydney Water Supply.

(11.) Nineteenth General Report, together with a return giving a record of the Committee's inquiries, and Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1901.

(2.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1901.

(3.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1902.

(4.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1901.

(5.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1901.

(6.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1902.

(7.) Certificate of the Public Service Board in regard to the appointment of Mr. John Fraser McEachran as Travelling Veterinary Inspector, Department of Public Health.

(8.) Certificate of the Public Service Board in regard to the appointment of Mr. Thomas G. Doyle, M.R.C.V.S., as travelling Veterinary Inspector, Department of Public Health.

(9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway, near Springwood.
(10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for improving the Locomotive Water Supply on the Great Northern Railway at Tenterfield.
(11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Valley Heights.
(12.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a residence for the Station-master at Nundah.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of an Inebriate Asylum at Milson's Island, Hawkesbury River.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of the Davsdale Tank.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Wharf at Central Macdonald.
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Tank for Water Supply purposes at Watson's Bay.
(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Reservoir for the Supply of Water to the town of West Wallsend.
(6.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Tank for Water Supply purposes at Gobondry.
(7.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Tank for Water Conservation purposes, on the road from Mulwala to Savernake.
(8.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of Sydney.
(9.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land in connection with Supply of Water to Tumut.
(10.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land in connection with Improvements to Lake Cargelligo.
(11.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of the Booberoi Creek Weir and Channel.
(12.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Roadway on the eastern side of the Stormwater Channel at Double Bay.
(13.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land in connection with the Supply of Water to Blayney.
(14.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of an approach to the Public Wharf at Cockle Creek.
(15.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of certain Sewerage Works for Lismore.
(16.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the erection of a Court-house at Kangaroo Valley.
(17.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the erection of a Reception House for Insane, at Newcastle.
(18.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the erection of a Police Station at Bangalow.
(19.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction and establishment of a Camping Reserve at McKane's Falls.
(20.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Exchanges under the Crown Lands Act (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, no exchange under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act be in future agreed to, except for other lands on the holding of the applicant, or for lands closely associated with same.
Question put and passed.

6. Railway Appeal Board (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Hollis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of cases heard before the Railway Appeal Board, giving name of appellant, cause of appeal, and result of appeal.
Question put and passed.

7. Business Days (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. Precedence of Business (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the words "(3.) No new "business will be introduced after 11 o'clock, p.m."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Moore moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words, "unless the House shall otherwise decide, on motion put without debate, at least forty members "voting in the affirmative."

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

Debate continued.

And Mr. Moore and Mr. Affleck having, by leave, withdrawn their proposed amendments,—

Original Question put and passed.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wright, Mr. Quinn, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. Arthur Griffith, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.

Question put and passed.

10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lee, Mr. Crick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Holman, Mr. Moore, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.

Question put and passed.

11. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Archer, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Oakes, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Dight, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Millard, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Rose, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.

(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.

Question put and passed.

13. REGISTRATION OF FIRMS BILL:—Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Firms.

Question put and passed.

14. LIMITATION OF SPEECHES:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice,—That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

"Unless as hereinafter provided, no Member shall speak—

"(*a*) *In the House* for more than thirty minutes on any question submitted from the "Chair, except—

"in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or

"in a debate on a Motion of Censure, or No-Confidence, or

"in moving the second reading of a Bill,

"when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour.

"(*b*) *In Committee of the Whole House* more than twice on any question submitted by "the Chair of the Committee; any Member called for the first time to speak shall not "speak for more than thirty minutes; when called a second time, he shall not speak "for more than ten minutes: Provided that so much of this Sessional Order as relates "to speaking more than twice shall not apply to a Member in charge of a Bill, nor to "the consideration of the Estimates or a Supply Bill; but any Member speaking "more than once shall be restricted to ten minutes for each speech after the first.

"Provided that, in any case arising under this Sessional Order, the Member speaking and "desiring an extension of time may ask the House or Committee, and the Speaker or Chairman, "as the case may be, shall, without debate, take the sense of the House or Committee.

"The Debate on the Financial Statement shall be exempt from the restrictions of this "Sessional Order."

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Ashton submitted that this motion, proposed as a Sessional Order, was *ultra vires*, and out of order, being in conflict with the Standing Orders of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the objection taken.

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15. LEASE OF THE KENSINGTON RACECOURSE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all circumstances in connection with the granting of an extension of lease of the Kensington Racecourse.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Davis, Mr. Power, Mr. Byrne, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Estell, Mr. E. M. Clark, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Gormly requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot.

Debate continued.

Question,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all circumstances in connection with the granting of an extension of lease of the Kensington Racecourse,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot; and the Clerk having reported the names of ten Members instead of nine, in consequence of an equality of votes for two Members having the least number of votes, Mr. Deputy-Speaker decided which of the two should serve on the Committee, and declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Crick, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Meagher, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Hogue, and Mr. Davis.

16. BREAD ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901.

Question put and passed.

17. CLAIM OF MR. JOHN LENNARD AGAINST THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. John Lennard against the Works Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Briner, Mr. Reymond, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Barnes, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Dick, Mr. D. R. Hall, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Assembly proceeded to State Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address-in-Reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session,—
And being returned,—
Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer :—

State Government House, Sydney, 18 June, 1902.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

I thank you for the loyal expressions contained in the Address you have now presented to me.

I am very pleased to know that I can rely with confidence on your earnest consideration of the several important Measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Destruction of Fish by Dynamite :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he see that prompt steps are taken to prevent the wanton and wholesale destruction of fish by dynamite, which is at present going on, and has been going on for a long time, in nearly every harbour and river in the coast; and to heavily punish any person or persons found guilty of such destruction?
(2.) Will he take steps to prevent the indiscriminate sale of dynamite, which renders the destruction of fish so easy of accomplishment?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by the Commissioners of Fisheries that special efforts are being made to prevent the use of explosives for the destruction of fish. A number of persons have lately been convicted for this offence, and fined in amounts varying from £10 to £20.

(2.) Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the actuarial investigation of the Superannuation Fund, promised last year, been made; if so, what is the result; if not, when will it be made?
(2.) If made, who were the actuaries who made the investigation; were they public servants?
(3.) What was the cost of the investigation, and the amounts paid to each of the actuaries?

Mr. See answered,—The actuarial investigation into the state of the Superannuation Fund has not yet been completed. Mr. J. B. Trivett, F.R.A.S., the Actuary to the Public Service Board, has been for some time engaged upon the work, and he anticipates that the report will be available within three months. Mr. Trivett is a public servant, and also holds the position of Actuary in the Friendly Societies Office.

(3.) Schedule for Roads and Bridges :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the total amount on the schedule for Roads and Bridges for the last two years for the electorates represented by Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Nielsen?
(2.) What is the total amount of cash paid up to this date for the works on the schedule, for the two years ending June, 1902, in the electorates represented by the above-named representatives, each electorate to be given separately?

(3.)

(3.) What is the amount granted as special grants for the two years ending the 30th instant, for roads and bridges, in the electorates represented by the above-named representatives, separate totals to be given for roads and bridges, with the number of the latter in each electorate, as named above, and where situated?

(4.) What is the total amount of cash paid up to date for the two years as special grants for roads and bridges in the electorates represented by Messrs. O'Sullivan, Affleck, Rose, and Nielsen, each to be stated separately?

(5.) What is the number of contracts for roads and bridges in the four named electorates, each to be given separately, now accepted, but not yet completed; where situated, and names of contractors?

(6.) Have there been any other public works completed and paid for in any of the four electorates of Queanbeyan, Yass, Argyle, and Boorowa, for the present financial year; if so, what were the said works, what was the cost of same, and where were they situated?

(7.) Are there any other public works for which tenders have been called, or done by day labour, in any of these four electorates, during this financial year, that are not completed; if so, what is the nature of them, where are they situated, and what is to be the total cost of each of the said works when completed?

(8.) What was the total amount for the two years ending 30th instant expended on public works, exclusive of roads and bridges, and already paid for, in the electorates represented by Messrs. O'Sullivan, Affleck, Rose, and Nielsen, giving each district separately?

(9.) Is he aware that the scheduled roads in the Yass list, viz., Burrowa to Binalong, 17 miles, £400, is not in the Yass electorate, but in Mr. Nielsen's; and that, from Taemas to Brindabella, 40 miles, £400, and Murrumbateman to Gininderra, 16 miles, £230, are half in the Queanbeyan electorate?

(10.) When giving the amounts for scheduled roads, will he see that these items are properly placed to the districts the money is expended in?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Honorable Member must move for this information in the form of a return in the usual manner.

(4.) Tramways:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What have been the total earnings of the electric tram running from Devonshire-street to the Randwick-road, through Cleveland-street, since this line was opened?

(2.) What has been the total expense of running this line for the same period?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the earnings from the 3rd February to 7th June have been £1,703. It is represented that a considerable portion of the traffic has been diverted from other lines.

(2.) The expenses are not kept separately for each section; but, based on the average cost per tram mile, the expenditure (without interest on cost of capital) for the same period, would, it is estimated, amount to £1,095.

(5.) Mercadool Leasehold Area:—*Mr. Edden*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Respecting the application of one C. F. O'Brien to be afforded an opportunity of extending his holding or selection in connection with the disposal of lands within the Mercadool Leasehold Area (as per correspondence 02/3391), will he state when the land in question is likely to be gazetted, so that O'Brien may be afforded an early opportunity of increasing the area of his holding?

(2.) What is the cause of all the delay in withholding the land on this leasehold area from intending purchasers and settlers on the soil?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) It has been decided to set apart portion 11 of 786 acres, parish of Burembri, county of Denham, on Mercadool Holding, to afford Mr. O'Brien an opportunity of extending his present area. The setting apart will be gazetted on the 28th instant, and the land will be available for application on the 3rd proximo.

(2.) The prevailing drought.

(6.) Expenditure on Roads and Bridges, Harbours, &c.:—*Mr. Edden*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—During the late censure motion debate, reference was made by him to the expenditure of certain sums of public money in certain electorates in the shape of roads and bridges, harbours and rivers, sewerage construction works, &c.; will he, therefore, cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a tabulated statement showing the amount of public money that has been expended in similar works in other electorates not specified during the same period, for the information of Honorable Members and the general public?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There will be no objection to furnish a return if moved for in the usual way.

(7.) Plague at the Sydney Zoo:—*Mr. Edden*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—It is alleged that the late outbreak of bubonic plague in the suburb of Waterloo originated from animals suffering from plague in the Sydney Zoo, will he, therefore, see that the necessary steps are taken to lay a copy of the Government Medical Officer's report on the matter upon the Table of this House, for the information of Honorable Members and the general public, showing in what way these animals contracted the disease?

Mr. See answered,—The President of the Board of Health informs me that there is ground for suspecting a connection between infection of the Waterloo area and infection of the Zoological Garden, but that all the facts, which must be carefully considered before a statement can be made, have not yet been ascertained. I may add that a report on infection of the animals in the Zoological Garden has already been furnished, and communicated by me to the Press.

(8.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount charged by the Railway Commissioners to the various lessees as rent for the refreshment rooms and premises at Moss Vale, Goulburn, Yass, Harden, Junee Junction, Albury, Penrith, Mount Victoria, Bathurst, Blayney, Orange, Wellington, Dubbo, Nyngan, Gosford, Newcastle, Singleton, Murrurundi, Werris Creek, Narrabri, Warialda, Armidale, Glen Innes, and Jennings, giving name of station and amount in each case?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There will be no objection to give this information, if moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Government Relief to Farmers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the losses experienced by farmers throughout the State, owing to the prevalence of the drought, will he consider the advisability of affording relief by the issue of seed wheat, under a guarantee of future payment, to all who need same?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No provision has been made in the Estimates for the current year for the purpose of supplying seed to farmers who have suffered losses owing to the drought.

(10.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that, owing to the want of a constituted Court to try claims for compensation in respect of the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions, there is a deadlock in the settlement of contested claims?

(2.) Will he take steps to see that arrangements are forthwith made for the trial of these cases?

Mr. See answered,—Every effort has been made, and will continue to be made, to have these resumption cases settled.

(11.) Referendum on the Federal Constitution Bills:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—What cost was incurred to the State in regard to the taking of each referendum on the Federal Constitution Bills of 1897 and 1899?

Mr. See answered,—Referendum, 3rd June, 1898, £14,176; referendum, 20th June, 1899, £14,504.

(12.) Appeals lodged by Officers of Taxation Department:—*Mr. Archer*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Public Service Board to declare the result of the appeals lodged by the officers of the Taxation Department against their recent grading before the 30th instant?

(2.) If not, why not?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Public Service Board inform me that they are at the present time engaged upon this particular work, and every effort is being made to complete it before the end of the present month.

(13.) Electrical Machinery, &c., Ultimo Power-house:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was the supply of electrical machinery and plant for the Ultimo Power-house given to the General Electrical Company of America without competition; and if so, by whose authority?

(2.) What was the value of the machinery and plant so supplied?

(3.) Is it contemplated to increase the capacity of electrical tramway power; and, if so, will he advise or suggest to the Railway Commissioners to invite tenders from English as well as American firms?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed offers were received from the two companies of America that were in a position to undertake the work, viz., the Westinghouse Company and the General Electric Company, and the latter was accepted by the Commissioners.

(2.) £152,339.

(3.) I will be glad to confer with the Railway Commissioners in the matter.

(14.) Swimming Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it intended to put in hand the construction of the proposed Swimming Baths at Woolloomooloo Bay?

Mr. See answered,—I hope to be in a position to call for tenders in about six weeks. There have been many difficulties in the way which have considerably delayed the preliminary arrangements.

(15.) Sydney Water Supply:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the threatened water famine in Sydney, what preparations are being made by the Government for the worst?

(2.) Is a contingency contemplated when the gravitation supply from the Prospect Dam must be replaced by other means than pumping?

(3.) What number of water trucks would be required to supply Sydney with water?

(4.) Are such trucks available, or are they in course of construction?

(5.) Should the Prospect Dam give out, from what source would Sydney be supplied?

(6.) If from the Nepean, what is the estimated amount of water available from that source?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No further preparations are now being made as it is still hoped that sufficient rain will fall on the catchment before the water below gravitation level at Prospect, now being pumped, is exhausted; the Royal Commission proposed to consider on Monday next how the consumption of water can be further reduced.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Thirty trucks, each carrying 2,000 gallons.
(4.) No trucks are now available, nor being constructed, but trucks can be made available should the occasion arise.
(5.) The Nepean River, at Penrith.
(6.) About 1,237,000,000 gallons, sufficient for 200 days supply, at 10 gallons per head per diem.

(16.) Sydney Harbour Trust:—Mr Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the revenue derived from the Sydney Harbour Trust for the month of May was £22,467?
(2.) Is it a fact that the expenditure for the Sydney Harbour Trust for the month of May was £13,032; if so, what are the details of such expenditure?
(3.) If the above amounts of receipts and expenditure are not correct, will he give the proper amounts of each in detail for the month of May?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Answers to these Questions given yesterday were supplied by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, from their books. In regard to the Answer to Part 2, which the Honorable Member has queried, it would seem that the Commissioners have read the Question as referring only to moneys actually paid away by them during the month. The figures from the *Government Gazette*, which the Honorable Member quoted last night, represent the total payments at the Treasury during the month in connection with the Trust, and embrace all advances made to the Trust (considerable portions of which have doubtless not yet been actually paid away), and also the Commissioners' salaries, namely, for working expenses, £12,368 6s. 11d., and for salaries of Commissioners, £666 13s. 4d.; total, £13,035 0s. 3d.

(17.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to give Parliament, during this Session, an opportunity of discussing the question of Sunday trading, in accordance with a promise which he gave to a deputation on 17th April last?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is under consideration, and will be dealt with as early as possible; but Rome was not built in a day, neither can the Government carry out all necessary legislation in one day.

3. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. Edden, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the tax-payer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough Council, and residents of New Lambton.
(2.) From James Gray, Mayor, and William Brown, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Adamstown.
Petitions received.

4. Papers:—
Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Free Public Library, Manly.
(2.) Minute Paper recommending sick leave for three months to Mr. Frederick Bridges, Chief Inspector of Schools.
(3.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1901.
(4.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
(5.) Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library for the year 1901.
(6.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1901.
(7.) Report of the working of the Factories and Shops Act and Early Closing Acts for the year 1901.
(8.) Report of the Superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, for the year 1901.
(9.) Report of the Superintendent of the Carpenterian Reformatory for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, the 41st section of the Act 53 Victoria No. 21, and section 7, Public Trusts Act, 1897.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Coal Mines (Payment of Wages) Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, in respect thereof.
Question put and passed.

6. Public Places Advertisements Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places.
Question put and passed.

7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDING) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the law relating to the registration of medical practitioners; and for purposes consequent thereupon.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Clark then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the law relating to the registration of medical practitioners; and for purposes consequent thereupon*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 15th July.

8. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE-DRIVING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Wagga Wagga Cattle-driving Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 29th July.

9. MELVILLE-STREET SWAMP NUISANCE, NEWCASTLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gilbert moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers referring to the Melville-street Swamp nuisance, Newcastle.
Question put and passed.

10. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Meagher, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Legal Practitioners Act of 1898, whereby the provisions relating to barristers and solicitors shall be extended in all respects to women equally with men.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Legal Practitioners Act of 1898, whereby the provisions relating to barristers and solicitors shall be extended in all respects to women equally with men*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 29th July.

11. DRAINAGE PROMOTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st July.

12. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 1st July.

13. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—William John Ferguson, Esquire, Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, and William Millard, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Hastings and The Macleay, Mr. Davidson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The threatened removal of the Court of Quarter Sessions from Port Macquarie."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Davidson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

15. GOLD-DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.
Question put and passed.

16. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899.
Question put and passed.

17. COAL MINES REGULATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Coal Mines Regulation (Further Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896,"—forwarded to the Lgislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

18. Municipal Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for municipal government.
Question put and passed.

19. Boilers Regulation Bill:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers; and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.
Question put and passed.

20. Women's Franchise Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.
Question put and passed.

21. Borough of Drummoyne Enabling Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of fourteen thousand pounds to pay off certain loans; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

22. Scaffolding and Lifts Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Scaffolding and Lifts Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to regulate the construction and use of "lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, "or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the "use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Daniel O'Connor, the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

23. Eddy Orphanage Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon, and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.
Question put and passed.

24. Moore-street Improvement (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Moore-street Improvement (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Daniel O'Connor, the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, directed him to discontinue his Speech.

Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

25. Sydney Mint (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Mint Act of 1865.
Question put and passed.

26. Life Assurance (Administration) Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise life assurance companies to distribute certain moneys payable under or in respect of life policies.
Question put and passed.

27. Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during last Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled "An Act to "amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1894, the Mining Laws Amendment Act of 1896, the "Mining Act of 1874, and the Mining Act of 1889,"—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during last Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.
Debate ensued.

Disorder:—The Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division having frequently disregarded Mr. Speaker's ruling, that his remarks were irrelevant, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

28. Audit Bill:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

29. Factories and Shops Bill:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Factories and Shops Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

30. Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

31. Trustee Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to trustees and trust property*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18*th June*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

32. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee [*Mr. Waddell*];—until To-morrow.
(2.) Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee [*Mr. Waddell*];—until To-morrow.
(3.) Appointment of Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, K.C.B., as Governor of the State; consideration of His Excellency's Message No. 1 [*Mr. See*];—until To-morrow.
(4.) Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading [*Mr. Ashton*];—until Tuesday, 1st July.

33. Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr Nobbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McGowen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 1st July.

34. Adjournment:—Mr. See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

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

(1.) Eddy Orphanage Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 41.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish an Orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint Trustees for the said Orphanage; to vest land in the said Trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon, and further to provide for the government and management of such Orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.

State Government House,
Sydney, 19*th June*, 1902.

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

(2.) Moore-street Improvement (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 42.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further amend the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890.

State Government House,
Sydney, 19*th June*, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) New Central Railway Station:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total sum paid for the resumption of the land required for the new Central Railway Station?
(2.) What were the individual sums paid to each claimant or trustee?
(3.) How many of these have been paid?
(4.) What are the names of the religious sects that have been paid, and the amount to each?
(5.) Are there any amounts still unpaid; if so, what are the names, and the amount due to each?
(6.) What is the cause of the delay in these payments?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £102,170.
(2.) Benevolent Asylum, £62,420, non-sectarian; Female Refuge, £16,000, non-sectarian; The Good Samaritan, £21,750, Roman Catholic; Society of Friends, £2,000.
(3.) All.
(4.) See Answer to No. 2 Question.
(5 and 6.) Yes, the Christ Church Rectory. The amount to be paid has not yet been agreed upon.

(2.)

(2.) Bridge over the Clarence River at Tabulam:—Mr. Wright asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the estimated cost of the bridge over the Clarence River at Tabulam?

(2.) What amount has been spent on this work to date?

(3.) What is the estimate for completion of the bridge?

(4.) What has been the cause of the long delay in completing this work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £13,000.

(2.) £14,917.

(3.) It is estimated that a further sum of £750 will be required.

(4.) Owing to the drought on the Northern Rivers, it has been almost impossible to get carriers to draw the material required to the bridge site except at exorbitant rates. This has not only delayed the work, but greatly increased the cost. It was never expected that such great difficulties would be experienced in obtaining suitable foundations.

(3.) Case of John Rutter, Committed for Trial by the Bench of Magistrates at Cumnock:—*Mr. Young*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the case of one John Rutter, who was committed for trial by the Bench of Magistrates at Cumnock on a charge of having on 2nd February, 1902, at Cardington Station, near Molong, maliciously set fire to natural grass, the property of Mary Louisa Carr?

(2.) Is he aware that the case was tried in Bathurst in April last, and that the Judge, before whom the case was tried, made the following remarks, as reported in the Bathurst *National Advocate* of the 21st April, 1902:—After the Crown Prosecutor outlined the evidence for the Crown, His Honor said "that he would feel very uneasy if a conviction followed on that evidence. "He had listened to the Crown Prosecutor's outline very attentively, and there was nothing forecasted in it to show that Rutter had been near the place; the only thing was that tracks were "made past the fire, and that two witnesses thought that accused was the only person who might "be connected with it; there was not the slightest evidence to show that the accused caused the "fire for which he was charged." On this the jury found accused not guilty, without leaving the box.

(3.) Under such circumstances, where no evidence was adduced in the depositions against the accused to warrant his committal or yet for the Attorney-General to file a true bill against him, will the Government see that steps are taken to indemnify or compensate Rutter for the injury he has received in mind, pocket, body, and character?

Mr. See answered,—My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes, by the Question of the Honorable Member.

(2.) In effect, His Honor told the jury that on the evidence it would not be safe to convict.

(3.) The depositions disclosed a *primâ facie* case; but, as frequently happens, when the witnesses for the prosecution were cross-examined, the case assumed a different complexion. There is no ground for making the compensation asked for, which would not apply to the case of every person who is acquitted of a criminal charge.

(4.) Case of Stephen *v.* Erwin, in Equity:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact in Stephen *v.* Erwin, in Equity, the settlement executed on 15th August, 1876, and dated 4th December, 1875, was not declared fraudulent and void at its date of execution; if not, was the same so declared fraudulent and void at its date?

(2.) Is it a fact no inquiry took place in reference to the properties comprised therein?

(3.) Is it a fact the same suit is adjourned generally for further consideration since 27th September, 1889?

Mr. See answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice that it is not within the scope of his duties to obtain the information required by the Honorable Member, which relates to a matter in which private interests only are concerned.

(5.) Government Advertisements:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Mr. Rose's previous Question on the subject, what is the annual cost incurred by the Government and Railway Commissioners for advertising through the metropolitan and country Press?

Mr. See answered,—The average annual cost incurred by the Government of advertising in the metropolitan and country newspapers for the past six years has been £6,232. The cost of advertising, so far as the Railway Commissioners are concerned, for the twelve months ended 31st May last, was £3,375.

(6.) Newcastle Post Office:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were public tenders called for the supply of stone for the Newcastle Post Office in course of construction?

(2.) If so, who were the tenderers; and at what price per cubic foot did they offer to supply the stone?

(3.) Who is supplying the stone, and what is the price paid per cubic foot?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Original tenders—R. Saunders, 1s. 10d.; N. Ryan, 1s. 10d.; Phippard Bros., 1s. 11½d.; J. Proudfoot, 1s. 2d. Amended tenders—R. Saunders, 1s. 10d., less 1¼ per cent.; N. Ryan, 1s. 9⅜d. The tender submitted by J. Proudfoot was considered informal, the stone quoted for being local stone not in accordance with the specification.

(3.) R. Saunders, 1s. 10d., less 1¼ per cent.

(7.) Art Gallery, Sydney:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Were public tenders called for the supply of stone for the Art Gallery, Sydney, in course of construction?
(2.) If so, who were the tenderers; and at what price per cubic foot did they offer to supply the stone?
(3.) Who is supplying the stone, and what is the price paid per cubic foot?
(4.) What rent is paid for the use of Mr. R. Saunders' shed, traveller, and gear at Pyrmont Quarry?
(5.) What does it cost per cubic foot to convey cut stone from Mr. R. Saunders' shed to the Art Gallery?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1 and 2.) No.
(3.) R. Saunders, Pyrmont Quarries, at 1s. 6d. per foot. This price includes use of shed, office, cranes, travellers, and double cartage from quarry to shed and shed to building.
(4.) No rent is paid.
(5.) Cartage is included as per Answer No. 3.

(8.) Post Office, Pyrmont:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Who supplied the stone used in the construction of the recently completed post office at Pyrmont?
(2.) What was the price paid per cubic foot for the stone used?
(3.) Were public tenders called for the supply of stone for same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) R. Saunders, Pyrmont Quarries.
(2.) 9d. per cubic foot, including use of shed, office, cranes, travellers, and double cartage from quarry to shed and shed to building.
(3.) No.

(9.) Erection of Electric Poles:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Railway Commissioners are erecting electric poles along the building alignment in Upper William-street?
(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to have the said electric poles erected on the curbing alignment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I understand the Commissioners propose to erect poles for the overhead electric system in Upper William-street. The position of the poles has not been definitely settled. As a rule, they are placed on the kerbing alignment, but in portion of the route in question it is thought risk would be entailed by such an arrangement. The whole matter is under consideration.

(10.) Public School Teachers Attending Drills:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is he aware that all teachers, within a radius of 17 miles of certain centres, are authorised to attend meetings every Saturday, for the purpose of drills?
(2.) Seeing the dreadful drought that we are suffering from, and the poverty of stock, is it the intention of the Minister to make an allowance for forage for the horses the teachers have to ride to comply with the order given?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) Arrangements have been made at different centres for the instruction of teachers, who so desire, in military drill; but attendance at the classes is optional.
(2.) No, as attendance is not compulsory.

(11.) Messrs. Angus and Robertson:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) When were Messrs. Angus and Robertson originally appointed booksellers to (*a*) the New South Wales Public Library; (*b*) the New South Wales Parliament Library; and (*c*) the Sydney University Library, respectively?
(2.) Were applications or tenders for any of these appointments called for in any newspaper?
(3.) What was the total amount, respectively, expended on behalf of each of the libraries (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), with Messrs. Angus and Robertson, from the respective dates of their original appointments as booksellers to such libraries up to the present time?
(4.) Do Messrs. Angus and Robertson hold any other Government contracts; and, if so, what?
(5.) How many official visits have the Trustees of the Public Library made, respectively, to (*a*) the Reference Branch; (*b*) the Lending Branch; and (*c*) the Newspaper Branch of the Public Library, from January, 1901, to the present time?

Mr. See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(12.) Hours of Labour:—Mr. *Dacey*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it proposed to legislate limiting the working hours of carters this Session?

Mr. See answered,—A Bill dealing generally with the hours of employment in trades and callings—including that of carters—had been prepared, but in view of the passing of the Industrial Arbitration Act and the probability of the matter being dealt with under its provisions, the measure referred to has not been introduced. Should, however, it be found that the anticipation referred to is not realised, consideration will be given to the expediency of placing the Bill before Parliament.

(13.) Fines, City Police Courts:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What amount has been paid in fines into the City Police Courts for loitering on the streets?
(2.) For expectorating on footpaths?
(3.) How much of those moneys have been paid to the City Council?

Mr. See answered,—The information will be obtained in respect of the last two years, and laid upon the Table in due course, in the shape of a return.

(14.) Removal of Public Servants' Furniture:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing the total amount of money paid to carriers for the removal of furniture and effects belonging to Civil Servants in this State, from 1st January, 1895, to 28th February, 1902, inclusive?
(2.) Also a statement giving the names and addresses of all Civil Servants whose furniture and effects were so removed, where from, and where to, from January, 1895, to 28th February, 1902, inclusive; also show the cost of each removal, name and address of each carrier who did the removal?
(3.) Have public tenders ever been called for such work; who is the tenderer; if not, who does the work, and under what scale is he paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The statements asked for in parts 1 and 2 of this Question could only be prepared after an expenditure of time and labour such as their importance would hardly appear to warrant. It is suggested that, instead of pressing for the statements, the Honorable Member indicate the particular cases in which he is interested, and the information will be supplied. I may add that my colleague, the Minister for Public Instruction, recently appointed a committee to inquire into and report as to how matters of this kind shall be dealt with in future.

(15.) *Hansard* Accommodation:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that, by the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 240 cubic feet of air space is the minimum provided in connection with the accommodation of each man?
(2.) Is it a fact that the transcribing rooms provided for *Hansard* Staff give little more than half that space for two men to work in?
(3.) Is it a fact that in the work of revising reports the reporters occupy a wretched little passage with six doors opening into it?
(4.) In view of the exacting nature of the work which the *Hansard* men are called upon to perform, will he arrange for a redistribution of office accommodation so as to guarantee reasonable conditions for the reporting staff?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) Yes, but the accommodation provided is for sleeping space.
(2.) The dimensions of the compartments are—two, 38 square feet each, and two 16 square feet each, floor space.
(3.) The room which has six door outlets is, I am informed, very draughty, and during the winter the staff sometimes have to work in their hats and overcoats.
(4.) The matter will receive attention.

(16.) Government House, Macquarie-street:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it intended to insist on the payment by the Federal Government of the amount of £22,000 odd, cost incurred in fitting out Government House, Macquarie-street, to accommodate the Governor-General?
(2.) Was not an arrangement made to the effect that this cost should be borne by the Federal Government?
(3.) Does the Federal Government pay anything in the shape of rent for the use of the building referred to?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) When this work was started, it was distinctly understood that the Federal Government would pay for these alterations and repairs. I can only promise the Honorable Member that I will forward an account for this amount to the Federal Government, and urge the payment thereof.
(2.) Not under this particular head.
(3.) No.

(17.) The Chief Justice:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What has been the salary of Chief Justice Darley; is he on leave; if so, for how long, and is he on full pay?
(2.) Has Mr. M. H. Stephen been appointed Acting Chief Justice; and is he to receive the same salary as Chief Justice Darley?
(3.) Has Mr. M. H. Stephen resigned his position as Puisne Judge; and if so, to what pension is he entitled?
(4.) Has Mr. Pring been appointed Puisne Judge in the room of Mr. Stephen; and if so, what salary does he receive?
(5.) Is it not a fact that, owing to the changes which have taken place, the cost of the Judiciary has been increased by the sum of £3,500, without the numerical strength of the same being increased?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) £3,500. His Honor has been granted twelve months' leave on full pay, from the 16th instant.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Yes; he is entitled to a pension of £1,820, as a Puisne Judge, but has agreed that this shall not be paid during his tenure of office of Acting Chief Justice.
(4.) Yes; he receives the salary provided for the office—£2,600.
(5.) No. The arrangements made for filling the necessary position of Chief Justice is less costly than any other which was practicable.

(18.) Revenue from Customs and Excise:—*Mr. Henry Clarke*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state why he refused to give a categorical reply to the following Questions asked by Mr. Young on 17th June, and will he do so now?

(1.) Has the duty of collecting the revenue from Customs and Excise been transferred to the Commonwealth Parliament?

(2.) If so, why is it that brewers are prosecuted for not holding a State license?

(3.) How can the officers of this State collect revenue from a Department which belongs to the Commonwealth?

(4.) Does the license held by a brewer entitle him to brew, sell, and distribute beer throughout the whole of the Commonwealth?

(5.) If not, why not?

(6.) Who has got authority to issue a brewer's license, or to collect revenue in this State?

(7.) Is he aware that when a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth, that the latter shall prevail, and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid?

(8.) Is it then inconsistent to charge brewers both a State and Commonwealth license?

(9.) If it be held that the law is inconsistent, then is not the State law invalid?

(10.) If it be held that the law is not inconsistent, then why is it that tobacco manufacturers, cigar, cigarette-makers, and all others who come within the Excise Law are not charged State license?

(11.) Can he state whether brewers in any of the other States of the Commonwealth are compelled to take out a State license?

(12.) Is he aware that a subject of the King resident in any State shall not be subject in any other State to any disability or discrimination, which would not be equally applicable to him if he were a subject of the King resident in such other State?

(13.) If the King's subjects in other States of the Commonwealth are not subjected to this double tax, then why are brewers so taxed here?

(14.) Is he aware that £18 15s. is returned to the State out of the license fee collected by the officers of the Commonwealth?

(15.) Is he aware that Mr. Deakin, Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, has stated that no license can be issued by a State, and no excise collected?

(16.) Will he take immediate steps to have the prosecution of brewers at once abandoned, and those who have been prosecuted compensated?

(2.) Will he state why a brewer who holds a Commonwealth license, and also a spirit license in terms of the Liquor Act of 1898, New South Wales, cannot sell beer under the latter?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Because it is necessary under the Liquor Act of 1898 (Clause 71) for brewers to hold licenses to sell beer in this State.

(3.) They do not do so.

(4 and 5.) The State license authorises the sale of beer in New South Wales only. I am not aware whether a Commonwealth license covers the making of beer throughout the whole Commonwealth; in any case it gives no power to sell beer.

(6.) The Colonial Treasurer.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) The Commonwealth license is only to make beer, the State license is only to sell beer.

(9.) It is not so held.

(10.) The sellers of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes pay a license fee to the State. The manufacturers pay a fee to the Commonwealth.

(11.) Not definitely, but I have reason to believe that a State license is necessary in Victoria.

(12 and 13.) The residents of another State desiring to sell beer in this State would be charged the same license fees as if they were residents of this State. State taxes may be, and are, imposed on the people of one State that are not imposed on the people of another State.

(14.) Three-fourths of the Customs and Excise, and the balance, if any, of all other collections is returned to each State.

(15.) I am not aware of such a statement.

(16.) I am making provision in the amending Liquor Act, shortly to be introduced, to deal with this matter; but under the present law, brewers must continue to pay their license fees to this State to enable them to legally sell the beer they make.

(2.) The Attorney-General has given an opinion that "Any brewer who sells beer without "taking out a brewer's license under the provisions of the Liquor Act of 1898 is liable to the "penalties provided in section 76. The taking out of a spirit merchant's license and a license "to make beer under the Federal Act does not exempt a brewer from the necessity of taking out "a brewer's license under the Liquor Act of this State."

(19.) Byalia Exchange Land:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Byalla exchange land be opened for selection?

Mr. Bennett answered,—A design for the disposal of the land has been received, a fairly large (though by no means the greater) part being recommended for addition to adjoining holdings. This will necessitate subdivision, and it is proposed to ask the selectors if they are willing to accept the areas as designed; and if so, to lodge survey fees to cover cost of subdivision. The matter cannot be finally completed until survey has been effected.

(20.) Prince of Wales' Hotel, Haymarket:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government is paying, or that any arrangement has been made to pay, to the present holder of the license for the "Prince of Wales' Hotel," better known as Larkin's, Haymarket, the sum of £60 per week, or any sum, as compensation for the period during which the site is vacant, the building having been demolished by the Department of Public Works, in connection with a scheme for widening Gipps-street?

(2.) Is it intended to widen this street, in accordance with the original project of the Minister?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No arrangement has been made to pay any specific sum for compensation for delayed possession of the site, but it is anticipated a claim will be made for disturbance under this head, and when made will be dealt with on its merits.

(2.) No; a new street parallel to the front of the new station will be formed.

3. Metropolitan Traffic Act:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from licensees under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, representing that Petitioners suffer under many disabilities; that they are governed by regulations based largely upon those governing the City of London traffic, and which are inapplicable to Sydney and suburbs; that it is unjust to compel them to pay fees while private owners are allowed to go free of charge; that they suffer hardship by the present method of issuing verbal instead of written instructions as to repairs to vehicles; that the administration of vehicular traffic could be more effectually performed by the abolition of the office of Superintendent of Traffic, and the placing of the control in the hands of the city and suburban police, and praying for an amendment of the Act.

Petition received.

4. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the tax-payer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) By Mr. Latimer,—From the Mayor and Council Clerk of the Municipality of Woollahra.

(2.) By Mr. Clara,—From the Mayor and Council Clerk of the Municipality of Condoublin.

(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From J. T. Naughton, Chairman, and C. T. Clifton, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Crookwell.

(4.) By Mr. Latimer,—From the Mayor and Council Clerk of the Municipality of Katoomba.

(5.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From William Hanley, Chairman, and Allen Hamilton, Secretary, of Progress Association, Helensburgh.

(6.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From John D. Wordsworth, Chairman, and E. B. Loughnan, Honorary Secretary, Upper Barwon Progress Association.

Petitions received.

5. Railway from Wellington to Werris Creek:—Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from certain residents of the districts likely to be affected by the construction of the railway from Wellington to Werris Creek, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will take into its favourable consideration the construction of the said line.

Petition received.

6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trustee Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 15th July.

7. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Ferguson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "necessity of placing a large sum on the Estimates for the purpose of Water Conservation."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. Paper:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "His "Excellency the Governor" to supplement the Vote "Police."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. Audit Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself in a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales.

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

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. Boilers Regulation Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers; and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers; and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.

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

(2.) Mr. Perry then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam-boilers; and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. Borough of Drummoyne Loan Enabling Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of fourteen thousand pounds to pay off certain loans; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of fourteen thousand pounds to pay off certain loans; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Perry then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of fourteen thousand pounds to pay off certain loans; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. Eddy Orphanage Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of 1888; to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.

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

13. Postponements:—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The remaining Orders of the Day of General Business, until Tuesday next.

14. System of Municipal Government for Greater Sydney:—Mr. Dacey moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a system of municipal government for "Greater Sydney."

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. See, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Quinn, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Webster, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 *JUNE*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Waverley, Mr. Jessep, be not further heard.

Question put. The

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 24.		
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Macdonald.	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Cann,	
Tellers,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Perry,	
	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Young.	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Archer.	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Neilsen moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Divison, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Law,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Nicholson.	Mr. Archer,	
Mr. John Storey,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Briner,		Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Nielsen.	Mr. Davidson.	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question put.

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a system of municipal government for "Greater Sydney."

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.			Noes, 7.
Mr. Archer,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Sullivan.	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Briner,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Edden,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Law,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Byrne,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Dacey, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Hollis, Mr. See, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Quinn, and Mr. Webster.

15. Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with carrying newspapers on the Government railways.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Norton, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Dacey, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. Adjournment:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—

(1.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Boilers Regulation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd June*, 1902.

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

(2.) Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 44.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for those purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to and consequent upon those objects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd June*, 1902.

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

(3.) Factories and Shops Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON. *Governor.* — *Message No.* 45.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate factories, bakehouses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers for injury to employees; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd June*, 1902.

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

(2.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Gold and Mineral Dredging Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 46.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1902.

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

(2.) Mines (Eight Hours) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 47.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in mines, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1902.

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

(3.) Coal-mines (Payment of Wages) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 48.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal-mines, and to amend the Coal-mines Regulation Act, 1896, in respect thereof.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1902.

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

(4.) Fertilizers Adulteration Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 49.
Governor.

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

State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1902.

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

(5.) Gold-dredging Leases Modification Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 50.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public Service :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total number of public servants in the different Departments in December, 1895, exclusive of the Police and Railway Departments?

(2.) What is the total number of public servants in the several Departments at the present date, exclusive of the Police and Railway Departments?

Mr. See answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(2.)

(2.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the total number of unemployed men registered at the three labour bureaux from 1st March up to 31st May?
(2.) What is the number of men who have been put on to work from 1st March up to 31st May?
(3.) Were any of this number skilled mechanics; if so, how many, and what trades did they represent?
(4.) How many of these taken on are receiving 5s. per day?
(5.) How many 6s. per day?
(6.) How many 7s. per day?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) 349.
(2.) 338; does not include Depôt, 93; Farm, 46.
(3.) Yes, three—two plasterers and one bridge carpenter.
(4.) 24.
(5.) 75.
(6.) 58.

(3.) Indebtedness of the State:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the present indebtedness of the State of New South Wales in Loans and Treasury Bills?
(2.) What amount of the said Loans fall due in the years 1918 and 1924 respectively?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) On 31st May, 1902—In Debentures and Funded Stock, £65,560,608. In Treasury Bills—For Public Works, £3,006,500; Deficiency Bills, £2,477,626. Total Debt, £71,044,734.
(2.) In the year 1918, £12,826,200; in the year 1924, £16,698,065.

(4.) Watering Tram-lines, Newcastle District:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Railway Commissioners yet made arrangements for the watering of the tram-lines in the Newcastle District by means of a tram water-tank?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have the matter in hand, and a steam motor and water-tank will shortly be available, when they will be sent to Newcastle to take up the service in question.

(5.) Officers Transferred:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Wright, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The number of officers transferred by the Public Service Board for the two years ended 30th April, 1902, showing the total cost for expenses incurred in connection with such transfers, including removal of such officers' furniture, effects, families, &c.?
(2.) The number of cases during such period in which expenses of servants of any officers removed were provided for at Government expense, whether by rail, coach, or other means?

Mr. See answered,—There would be no objection to furnishing this information if a return be moved for in the usual way, but I would invite the Honorable Member's attention to the reply given by the Colonial Treasurer to a somewhat similar Question asked by the Honorable Member for Botany on the 19th instant.

(6.) Railway Transport of Mails:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What arrangements have been made, if any, by the Federal Government, in the matter of payment to the Railway Commissioners, for the transport of mails throughout the State; and has any money been received on this account since the Postal Department was taken over by the Federation?
(2.) If no payment has yet been made, will he inform this House as to the estimated extent of the Federal Government's indebtedness on this score?
(3.) Has the Federal Government yet recouped this State the whole or any part of the outlay incurred in carrying to completion, in connection with the Post and Telegraph Department, buildings and improvements to buildings, the work associated with which was commenced, or tenders accepted, before the Service was transferred; if not, what is the estimated amount due by the Federal Government to the State on this account?

Mr. Waddell answered—
(1 and 2.) Except in the case of the carriage of newspapers, no difference has been made in the payments by the Postal Department since it was taken over by the Federal Government, and the payments are being regularly made to the Railway Commissioners.
(3.) No repayment has as yet been made by the Federal Government to this State for sums paid for carrying on works on behalf of the Commonwealth in connection with the Post and Telegraph Department. The amount due to date is £66,000.

(7.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to the following Questions of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, and the Answer thereto by the Colonial Secretary on Wednesday, 18th June:—

"(1.) Is he aware that, owing to the want of a constituted Court to try claims for com-
"pensation in respect of the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions, there is a deadlock in
"the settlement of contested claims?
"(2.) Will he take steps to see that arrangements are forthwith made for the trial of these
"cases?
"Mr. See answered,—Every effort has been made, and will continue to be made, to have these
"resumption cases settled."

Will he be good enough to say what efforts are being made to constitute a Court to try the resumption cases?

(2.)

(2.) Is he aware that Mr. Justice Cohen's time is completely occupied in the Arbitration Court, and, therefore, it is impossible to constitute a Resumption Court with him as a member thereof?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) A Court will be constituted immediately after the vacation to try these cases.
(2.) It is probable that Mr. Justice Cohen will not be a member thereof.

(8.) Draughtsmen Employed in Consolidation of the Statutes:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the total amount paid to date to draughtsmen employed on the consolidation of the Statutes of New South Wales?
(2.) What is the number of draughtsmen at present employed on this work?
(3.) Is it a fact that sections of the consolidated Statutes already consented to by Parliament have had to be reconsolidated?
(4.) Is it not a fact that the Commission has reclassified and disintegrated Statutes as passed by Parliament; if so, on what authority?
(5.) Is it not a fact that certain of the draughtsmen employed on this work are publishing, as a personal speculation, annotated editions of the Statutes they were employed to draft?
(6.) Is it not a fact that the consolidation of 448 New South Wales Statutes into 165 Bills has taken a period of nearly six years, and cost nearly £20,000 in all?
(7.) Is he aware that 450 Victorian Statutes were consolidated into 107 Bills in a period of less than one year, at a cost of less than £2,000?
(8.) Will he consent to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report on the work of the Commission?

Mr. See answered,—
(1.) £11,704 11s. 10d.
(2.) One draughtsman.
(3.) At the request of the Chief Justice, some sections of the Evidence Act were replaced in the Crimes Act.
(4.) The legislation on any subject has been placed in the Bill relating to that subject. Thus, provisions in the Criminal Law Amendment Act dealing with Oaths, Circuit Courts, and Juries are now in the Oaths Act, Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, and Jury Acts respectively. The authority for this is the Commission to consolidate the Statute Law. The jumble of heterogeneous enactments in one Act was one of the evils which consolidation was to correct.
(5.) A barrister, who was formerly a draughtsman to the Commission, is announced to be preparing, as he has every right to do, an edition of an Act on which he had worked while he was connected with the Commission, and which is now public property. This edition is to be noted with cases and references to English and Australian law; it will be a new and independent work, quite unconnected with the Commission, and at the risk of its author.
(6.) No. Many more Statutes have been dealt with and at a much less cost.
(7.) No.
(8.) The work is now finished, and the report of the Commission is being prepared. I can, therefore, see no necessity for the appointment of a Select Committee.

(9.) Mr. James Johnston, Harbour Trust Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Have any charges been made against Mr. James Johnston, of the Harbour Trust Department?
(2.) Will he see that servants and officers of the Harbour Trust have the ordinary rights of citizens in that they may be made aware of any charges made against them by the Commissioners or their superior officers, and have the right of defence to such charges before being condemned?

Mr. See answered,—As the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners are anxious that publicity should be given to the case of Mr. Johnston, I will presently lay upon the Table of this House copies of all the papers in connection with the matter, from which it will be seen that he has not been unfairly treated.

(10.) Launchmen, Navigation Department:—*Mr. Ferguson*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the launchmen in the Navigation Department are supposed to work forty-eight hours per week since the 1st September, 1900?
(2.) Is overtime paid for Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and holidays?
(3.) Is he aware that no overtime has been paid to those men since September, 1900, and will he order the immediate payment of such arrears and increments?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1). In October, 1901, regulations were framed under which the working hours of launchmen attached to the Department of Navigation were fixed at forty-eight hours per week, similar to the hours worked by men on the dredges, under the control of the Department of Public Works. For any extra time over and above this they are paid overtime at the ordinary rate of wage of the officer concerned.
(2.) The launchmen are paid for Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and public holidays, and for all extra hours above the forty-eight hours before mentioned.
(3.) The vouchers in respect of the overtime due to the men have been forwarded to the Treasury, and will be paid in the course of a few days.

3. PAPERS :—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Timber and Quarry Regulations, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1901.
(2.) Papers in connection with the case of Mr. James Johnston, Sydney Harbour Trust.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and plans relating to the proposed removal of the Public Abattoir from Glebe Island.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Public Places Advertisements Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until To-morrow.
(2.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until To-morrow.
(3.) Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton*] ;—until Tuesday, 15th July.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "breach of faith on the part of the Government at the last sitting of this House in taking new "business after 11 p.m. without previously informing the House of such intention."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Clark moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

7. DISSENT TO MR. SPEAKER'S RULING :—Mr. Daniel O'Connor proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the power of Mr. Speaker should be defined, as at present his arbitrary decisions may at any time destroy the liberty of Members of this Honorable House,—

Mr. Speaker pointed out to the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division and to the House, that this motion was not in order. In the first place, it proposed to define the powers of Mr. Speaker. Those powers were defined at present, and could only be altered by passing a Standing Order which the motion did not propose to do. In the next place, it proposed to discuss what were termed the arbitrary decisions of Mr. Speaker. Standing Order No. 161 only provided that the rulings of Mr. Speaker three days old might be dissented from. Under the Standing Orders Honorable Members could not discuss the decisions of Mr. Speaker of six or twelve months ago, as could be done under Mr. O'Connor's motion. However much he, Mr. Speaker, might desire to get an expression of opinion from the House on the motion, he felt it to be his duty, as it was so irregular, to rule it out of order.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—
(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of referring to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works a proposed work, namely, the Construction of a Concrete Dam across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply System; and a resolution empowering the Minister for Works to start the foundation of the dam at once, pending the decision of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the dealing at one sitting of a reference to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works of a proposed work, namely, the Construction of a Concrete Dam across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply System.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (*Construction of Concrete Dam across the Cataract River*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a concrete dam across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply System.
Question put and passed.

10. RAILWAYS OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the railways of New South Wales could be more economically and better managed by one general manager than by a Commission consisting of three members.
(2.) That the Railway Act should be amended to give effect to the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Hogue moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 29th July.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 51.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000, for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £500; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25th June, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Case of Donohue *v.* Donohue, Supreme Court:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware (*a*) that notice of appeal to the Federal High Court of Australia was lodged in the suit Donohue *v.* Donohue over twelve months since; (*b*) that the course this case had taken in the Supreme Court of this State was objected to in a formal memorial to the Full Court before its judgment was given; (*c*) that certain attorneys engaged in the suit were adjudged by the Supreme Court to have altered a subsequent order of the Court, pending appeal?

(2.) Has the attention of the Prothonotary been called to this alteration of order; and, if so, has any action been taken by that officer?

(3.) Has the attention of another Judge of the Supreme Court been called in open Court to this falsification of an order of the Court; and has this step involved added legal expenses in a suit which has been three years before the Court?

(4.) Is he aware of any further course open to a suitor in our Courts to protect the rights involved, pending appeal to the High Court of Australia?

(5.) If these Questions, excepting the fourth, are answered in the affirmative, what course does he propose to take in the matter?

(6.) Does he know when the Federal High Court will be constituted?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) (*a*) Mr. Donohue lodged a petition for leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia on the 26th February, 1901. (*b*) There is no record of any memorial having been presented to the Full Court. Mr. Donohue did write a letter (which is possibly the memorial referred to) to the Full Court after judgment in his case had been reserved, but before it was delivered. In view of the fact that Mr. Donohue was a layman, the Court did not think it necessary to do more than point out the very improper course which had been adopted by him (see *Sydney Morning Herald* of 13th February, 1901, page 4). (*c*) No order of the Court in this case was altered by any attorneys, except in accordance with the Court's directions. The solicitors for Mrs. Donohue prepared an order, which was duly signed, under which it appeared that Mr. Donohue had consented to the order.

order. Mr. Donohue denied that he had consented to the order, and took out a notice of motion to amend it. Upon the motion being heard, the Court decided that Mr. Donohue was right, and directed the order to be amended accordingly, and such order was so amended. Similar orders for amendment are made when there is a dispute between the parties as to the terms of a particular order.

(2.) The Prothonotary, as Registrar in Divorce, is aware of the facts set out in the answer to 1 (c), but there is no action which can be taken by him.

(3.) There has been no falsification of an order in this case, so far as the Prothonotary knows, nor is he aware that any other Judge of the Supreme Court has been so informed. Any mistake in the preparation of an order involves, of course, the additional expense of having the order corrected, which expense falls upon the person making the mistake.

(4.) Already answered by previous replies.

(5.) None.

(6.) No.

(2.) Government Launches:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many launches are owned by the Government, and what is the weekly cost of maintaining each respectively; also the steam yacht "Victoria"?

(2.) Does the Harbour Trust control such vessels; if not, who does?

(3.) What persons or bodies have been permitted the use of such vessels since 1st June, 1901, to date?

(4.) What persons have had the use of such launches on Sunday; and have the crews received any extra payment for Sunday labour?

(5.) Has an American Variety Company had the use of such launches on Sunday; if so, on how many occasions?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The following is the information supplied by the Department of Navigation:—

(1, 2, and 3.) The "Premier," £11 6s.; "Nea," £11 6s.; "Sol," £8 10s. 8d.; "Gladys," £8 10s. 8d.; "Pinnace," £8 10s. 8d.; "Carrington," £13 9s. 8d.; "Coxswain," in charge of Government boatshed, £3 17s.; "Watchman," £2 7s.; "Victoria," £99 18s. 6d. per week. The launches owned by the Public Works Department are the "Helen," costing £11 10s. per week, now engaged at the Camden Haven Harbour works; the "Oberon," at Cockatoo Island, £8 per week; the "Swift," Cockatoo Island, at £6 per week; and the "Eva," £10 10s. per week, used by officials and Minister for Works when inspecting works, or making official visits to waterside resorts, as well as by representative men. The "Victoria" is under the Navigation Department, and is sometimes used as a pilot boat. The Harbour Trust does not control any of the boats mentioned. The launches have been lent at various times to Parliamentary cricketers, English cricketers, religious representatives, rowing associations, Water and Sewerage Board, Cyclists' Union, Railway Commissioners, Tramway officers, city aldermen, and other public representatives, including Right Hon. E. Barton, Right Hon. G. H. Reid, Sir W. J. Lyne, Duke of Leinster, General French, Mr. S. Smith, M.P., Mr. Hughes, M.H.R., and other Members of Parliament.

(4 and 5.) Inquiries will be made about this matter.

(3.) Lifts in use in the City:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there any Government officer whose duty it is to inspect the lifts in use in the different hotels and mercantile houses of the city?

(2.) Has his attention been called to the several lift accidents that have occurred lately, some of them being caused by passengers being allowed to open the lifts from the outside?

(3.) If not, in view of the very dangerous construction that is known to exist in some of the lifts of the city, will he take such steps as will ensure the safety of the public by authorising such inspection?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) In the Scaffolding and Lifts Bill which passed the Assembly last Session, but which was not finally dealt with by the Legislative Council, provision is made in this direction. The Legislative Council was asked by Message on the 18th instant to proceed with the Bill under the Council's Standing Orders.

(4.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session dealing with the Police Superannuation Fund, and placing the same on a sound financial basis?

(2.) If it is not so intended, when will such a measure be undertaken?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

(5.) Royal Commission on Education:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—On the receipt of the report of the Royal Commission on Education at present touring England and the Continent, is it the intention of the Government to appoint another Royal Commission to deal with that report, the report of the Conference of Inspectors and Departmental officers, and other information locally available on the question of education?

Mr. Perry answered,—I consider that such action is unnecessary.

(6.) Rabbit Boards:—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large number of people who should have votes in the election of Rabbit Boards have been left off the rolls through want of knowledge as to the proper means of getting their names on?

(2.) Will he issue instructions to those responsible for collecting names for the rolls to see that all those who are liable to assessment under the Act have their names placed thereon?

(3.) Will he frame a new regulation providing for the establishment of polling-places at the principal centres throughout the rabbit district, so that voters could attend in person and record their votes?

Mr. Crick answered,—
(1.) Complaints have, in a few cases, been received of the omission of the names of persons claiming to be entitled to vote at the Rabbit Board elections from the rolls of electors for certain of the Rabbit Districts; but the Department is not assured that all persons who consider themselves entitled are legally entitled to be on the rolls.
(2.) The elections of some of the Rabbit Boards have been postponed with a view to revision of the rolls, and steps will be taken to allow persons claiming to be entitled to have their names on the roll an opportunity of showing whether they are so entitled.
(3.) I do not think several polling-places can be provided for, but arrangements will be made so that voters will not be put to any inconvenience.

(7.) Sunday Selling:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The number of shops in Sydney and suburbs, together with the names of their proprietors, which have been fined for Sunday selling during the last two and a half years?
(2.) The amount of each individual fine, and the total amount that each shop has been fined?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(8.) Temporary Employees, Public Service:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the recent Public Service Board regulations, Nos. 366 and 367, referring to annual holidays for temporary hands in the Public Service, apply to men employed in harbour improvement and similar works?

Mr. See answered,—It was the intention of the Public Service Board that these regulations should apply to all temporary employees who come within the terms thereof.

(9.) Buildings Rented by the Government:—Mr. Clara asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The rent paid to private investors by the Government for public buildings?
(2.) Name of place where paid, amount, and for what purpose?
(3.) The gross value respectively of such buildings?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(10.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Clara asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How many masons are registered as waiting for employment at the Chancery-square Branch of the State Labour Board?
(2.) Are unionists and non-unionists both permitted to register there?
(3.) What are the names of the masons now registered there?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) 73 (seventy-three).
(2.) Yes.
(3.) I will presently lay upon the Table a list of the names so registered.

(11.) Consolidated Land Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it his intention to bring down a consolidated Land Bill for the approval of this House; if so, when?
(2.) Will he embody in the said consolidated Bill the amendments he thinks necessary to make the Bill a complete measure, or is it his intention to still add another amending Bill to the already fourteen or fifteen Bills now in force?
(3.) If he intends to bring in an amending Bill, will he appoint competent legal men for various parts of the country, so that those interested in the land may know the law by the said officers doing what a consolidated Bill might do?

Mr. Crick answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2 and 3.) I am not prepared at the present time to state what form the new Bill will take; but, in answer to No. 3, I trust to be able to draw the Bill without the assistance of country lawyers.

(12.) Hospitals for Insane:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that it is contemplated to place female nurses in Hospitals for Insane in charge over male patients?
(2.) If so, when are the duties to be taken up, and at which institutions?
(3.) Does he not recognise that this alteration will be most degrading, and must have a prejudicial effect on the best interest of the institutions?

Mr. See answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane has furnished me with the following information:—Since female nurses are universal in all sick hospitals, benevolent asylums, poor-houses, and similar institutions where men are treated as sick or infirm, it is evident that the employment of them in Hospitals for the Insane, where similar patients are cared for, is in accordance with modern practice. It is not proposed to make extensive changes in the system by which male insane patients are nursed by male attendants; but where it is evident that an improvement in the nursing can be effected, it is in accordance with the dictates of common humanity that it should be made.

(13.) Hospitals for Insane:—*Mr. Quinn*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to Mr. Rose on the re-arrangement of the hours of the attendants of Hospitals for Insane, is it not a fact that such attendants are now working half an hour per day longer than they worked prior to Parliament voting a sum of money to decrease their hours of labour?

(2.) When the attendants worked the half-hour per day less than at present, how were the patients injuriously affected?

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

(14.) Federal Wharf and Store, Resumed Area:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount of revenue received from the Federal Wharf and Store, in the resumed area, during the past eighteen months?

(2.) Also the amount of expenditure?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) From the 11th February, 1901, the date of the establishment of the Sydney Harbour Trust, to the 31st May, 1902, the amount of revenue received from the Federal Stores was £6,215 13s. 10d.

(2.) For the same period the amount expended was £3,374 16s. 9d.

(15.) Insanitary Condition of Dairies or other Establishments:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Gillies, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any establishments engaged in catering for the food of the people been found in an insanitary condition by the officers inspecting for the Health Department?

(2.) Have any dairies or other establishments connected with the sale of milk or milk products been found in a neglected or insanitary state?

(3.) Will he state what establishments, if any, and where situated?

(4.) Have the insanitary conditions, if any, been remedied; and at what cost?

(5.) Having in view the peculiar susceptibility of milk to infection, will he see that in future the most rigid inspection of milk establishments is carried out?

Mr. See answered,—I will lay the information on the Table in the form of a return.

(16.) Tolls on Ferries:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What persons are exempt, according to the existing regulations, from payment of tolls on ferries, such as those on the Northern rivers?

(2.) Since when has it been the practice to charge clergymen for crossing these punts?

(3.) Are persons going to and coming from church liable to toll?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a list of the exemptions referred to.

(17.) Government Loans:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Of the £10,000,000 of loans raised the last two years, how much of that amount has been transmitted to the State (exclusive of Treasury Bills and Funded Stock floated in the State)?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Of the proceeds of the Loan of £4,000,000, raised in London in September, 1901, £500,000 only was remitted to Sydney. Of the proceeds of two sales of Treasury Bills (for works) in London in April, 1900, and February, 1901, nothing was remitted to Sydney, the proceeds being used in London.

(18.) Land Surrounding Mining Settlements:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that large areas of land surrounding mining settlements have been leased for speculative purposes, and that such lands, in some cases, have been sub-leased at from one-eighth of a penny per acre, the result being that thousands of stock are being depastured round the dwellings of miners in various mining fields?

(2.) Will he take precautions against this leasing of mining areas, so as to ensure to residents of such localities sufficient grazing land for the few head of stock belonging to the holders of miners' rights?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any such cases.

(2.) In any cases where it appears likely that the sale or lease of any land will prejudice mining interests, it is the practice to consult the Department of Mines before authorising such sale or lease.

(19.) Settlement Leases on Gold-fields:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it laid down by his Department that refusal shall be made to applications for extension of area of settlement leases on gold-fields from 10 to 20 acres; if so, will he cause the Act to be amended in such manner as to enable present holders of settlement leases to increase the area to 20 acres when such is sought?

Mr. Crick answered,—The Honorable Member apparently refers to residential leases. Although the Crown Lands Act of 1895 increased the maximum area that can be granted under this form of lease from 10 acres to 20 acres, there is no provision under which, when a lease has been granted for an area less than the maximum, such area can be subsequently increased.

(20.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the late Mr. Clarke submit a report on the Lower Nepean scheme for supplying the city and suburbs with water?

(2.) Did he, on page 6 of his report, refer specially to the supply from the Nepean at Penrith as inexhaustible; and again on page 23, did the report state that the river Nepean above Penrith drains an area over 4,000 miles; no other of the proposed sources of supply has so large a catchment; in fact it includes the others (the George's River and Port Hacking excepted), the Warragamba, with its 3,247 square miles of drainage, being one of its tributaries; when the Nepean ceases to flow, probably all the other sources would have failed?

(3.) The date of report and estimated cost of pipes, &c., for completing the whole work?
(4.) The annual cost of pumping?
(5.) The area of watershed and estimated quantity, calculated at the minimum rainfall, of water available?
(6.) What amount did Mr. Clarke estimate for pipes and for completing the present Prospect scheme?
(7.) The cost per ton of pipes for main work; the average cost of pipes supplied since completion of scheme?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The report states that the supply from the Nepean at Penrith may be assumed to be inexhaustible. It is also stated drainage area is over 4,000 miles; and the Warragamba, 3,247 miles; and that when the Nepean ceases to flow, probably all other sources would have failed.
(3.) The report is dated 18th May, 1877; cost of work to supply 12,000,000 gallons, £1,066,600; present supply, 24,000,000 gallons.
(4.) Working expenses are stated to be £11,500; coal at 12s. per ton, delivered at pumping-station. This would be for a supply of 12,000,000 gallons per day.
(5.) 309,000 million gallons.
(6.) £124,000.
(7.) £8 per ton (cast iron). The average cost of pipes (cast iron) has been, approximately, £8 10s.; but for the larger size pipes, wrought steel has been used in place of cast iron; cost per ton, £22.

(21.) Sunday Trading:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many prosecutions for Sunday trading have been instituted during the past twelve months?
(2.) In how many of these cases were convictions obtained?

Mr. See answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(22.) Rocks and Darling Harbour Resumptions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the total amount paid, or to be paid, to counsel retained by the Crown in connection with the Rocks and Darling Harbour resumptions, in those cases already heard and determined by the Courts?
(2.) How many barristers have been engaged in such cases, their names, and the amounts they have individually received?
(3.) Is it necessary that, whilst the plaintiffs retain, at most, merely a senior and junior counsel, the Crown should engage a full bar?

Mr. See answered,—
(1 and 2.) This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
(3.) The Crown engages those counsel, who, in the opinion of the law officers, will best protect the interests of the public.

(23.) Crown Lands:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in the Bill to amend the Land Act which he promises to introduce during the present Session, provide for the abolition of the fixed value of £1 per acre for land open to future conditional purchase, &c., and substitute a provision whereby the land may be valued prior to the confirmation of an application, and the purchaser be thus made aware of the amount which he will be expected to pay for same?

Mr. Crick answered,—I have this matter in view in connection with amended land legislation.

(24.) Buildings under Federal Control:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has refusal been made by the Federal Government to pay water and sewerage charges in connection with buildings in this State, such buildings being under Federal control?
(2.) Is it intended that the State Government shall pay such charges?

Mr. See answered,—This matter is now under reference to the Federal Government.

(25.) Public Servants over Sixty-five Years of Age:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary:—
(1.) Will he explain how it happens that a very large number of State officers who have exceeded the age of 65 still do duty in the several Departments, though entitled to retire upon pensions?
(2.) Is opposition offered to their retirement by Departmental Heads, or by the Public Service Board, because there are no funds from which to pay pensions, owing to the unstable condition into which the Superannuation Fund has been permitted to drift?

Mr. See answered,—The officers of 65 years of age and upwards, who still remain in the Service, are so retained because the Public Service Board, acting upon the reports received from the heads of departments, have certified that it is in the interests of the Public Service that such officers should continue in the performance of their duties for certain fixed periods, at the expiration whereof they must retire unless directed to remain in the Service for further periods. The question as to the effect which the retirement of these officers would have upon the Superannuation Fund has not been a factor in determining the recommendation that their services should be retained.

(26.) Passes Issued for South Africa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many persons in New South Wales applied for passes to enable them to go to South Africa with the object of settling there; and of these how many received such passes?

Mr. See answered,—As no record has been kept, it is impossible to say how many persons in this State have applied for permits to enable them to land in South Africa; but it has been ascertained that, since the commencement of the present year, 368 persons have obtained permits with the object of settling there.

(27.) Police Buildings, Agricultural Society's Grounds :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Police Department using portion of the Agricultural Society's Grounds; and, if so, on what terms as regards payment?

(2.) Have any buildings been erected for the convenience of the Force; and, if so, of what do these buildings consist, and what has been the expenditure incurred on same?

(3.) Are these buildings to be allowed to remain on the grounds when same are vacated by the police; if so, on what conditions?

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

(1.) Yes; rented at £50 per month, payable quarterly (from the Railway Construction Vote), with three months' notice on either side to terminate the tenancy.

(2.) Yes; cottage for an officer, re-erection of store, erection of dormitories, &c., at a cost of about £1,500.

(3.) No; I am given to understand that the buildings will be removed at the expiration of the tenancy.

(28.) Police Barracks:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have steps yet been taken to proceed in the matter of erecting new police barracks, in lieu of the building demolished to make way for the new city railway station?

(2.) What site, if any, has been selected?

Mr. See answered,—

(1.) Plans and specifications are in an active state of preparation.

(2.) A site has been selected between Bourke and Baptist Streets, Redfern.

(29.) Fines under the Truck Act:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Whitfield Roper was recently fined at Tenterfield for a breach of the Truck Act?

(2.) Does this man hold several contracts for the supply of sleepers to the Railway Commissioners in the names of dummies?

(3.) Will he see that these contracts, being held contrary to the law, are cancelled without delay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Roper was recently fined as stated.

(2 and 3.) It is understood that Roper is interested in several local contracts, and, in view of the verdict against him, the Commissioners have cancelled them.

3. Papers:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Toll exemptions.

(2.) List of Stonemasons registered at State Labour Board, Chancery-square.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation proposing to extinguish a street through Ashfield Park, in accordance with the provisions of the 7th section of the Public Parks Act of 1884.

(2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Medlow.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Valley Heights.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Hazelbrook.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Blaxland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the Botanic Gardens and Domains for the year 1901.

(2.) Rule of Court under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

(3.) Report and Minutes of Evidence of the Conference of Attorneys-General, held at Hobart, January, 1902, to consider the question of reciprocal admission of Legal Practitioners in the several States.

(4.) Regulation under the Dentists Act.

(5.) Bulletin No. 14, respecting the Census of New South Wales.

(6.) Return respecting hours of attendants of Hospitals for Insane.

(7.) Return respecting the Insanitary Condition of Dairies.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

5. ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE KING:—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House agrees to the following Address of Sympathy with the King, and authorises Mr. Speaker to sign such Address on behalf of this House:—

To His Most Gracious Majesty EDWARD THE SEVENTH, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our deep sympathy with Your Majesty in your illness and severe sufferings, and trust that under Divine Providence you may speedily be restored to health. The intelligence of Your Majesty's illness was received here with sincere regret by the people of this State.

On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly,—

Speaker.

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Lee,—

Question put, and carried unanimously.

6. FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act of 1884, and to alter the Constitution of the Fire Brigades Board with respect to the members thereof elected by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act of* 1884, *and to alter the Constitution of the Fire Brigades Board with respect to the members thereof elected by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time.

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

7. COMMITTAL OF ELIZABETH SMITH, OF COOK HILL, NEWCASTLE, TO GLADESVILLE ASYLUM (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Edden, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the committal of Elizabeth Smith, of Cook Hill, Newcastle, to Gladesville Asylum, by the magistrate at Newcastle, on 29th May, 1902, and her subsequent release therefrom.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—

(1.) Public Places Advertisements Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*].

(2.) Registration of Firms Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Firms. [*Mr. Levy*].

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of certain lands in certain trustees; to enable such trustees to mortgage, sell, or lease the said lands for certain purposes, and to make provision for the application of the moneys so acquired; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25*th June*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. See, read a first time.

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

(2.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a company called the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, to cross (in connection with the construction by them of a railway) with the said railway the public road from Portland village to Cullen Bullen, and the road from Portland village to Portland siding, and reserve No.* 150, *parish of Cullen Bullen, county of Roxburgh,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25*th June*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, read a first time.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The necessity of at once suspending the operation of the new Timber and Quarry "Regulations, gazetted to come into force on the 2nd July proximo."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000, for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £500; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans.
Question put and passed.

12. FERTILIZERS ADULTERATION BILL:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers.
Question put and passed.

13. MINES (EIGHT HOURS) BILL:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in mines; and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.

14. AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

15. BOROUGH OF DRUMMOYNE LOAN ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 *JUNE*, 1902.

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

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

(1.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 52.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st June*, 1902.

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

(2.) Metropolitan Sewerage Validating Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 53.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide that, with respect to certain sewerage works, certain powers, authorities, duties, and obligations shall be deemed to have been and shall be exercisable by and imposed on the Minister, notwithstanding that no executive authority has been given for the scheme for the same.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st June*, 1902.

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

(3.) Artesian Wells (Leasing) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON. *Message No.* 54.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the leasing of artesian wells and works connected therewith, and land adjacent thereto; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st June*, 1902.

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

(4.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 55.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st June*, 1902.

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

(5.) Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 56.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st June*, 1902.

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

(6.) Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 57.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st June*, 1902.

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

(7.) Temora to Barellan Railway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 58.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24*th June*, 1902.

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

(8.) Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 59.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such lines; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24*th June*, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Prospect Water Supply :—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the urgency of supplementing the Prospect water supply, will he call for a report as to—first the quantity of water at present stored in the Nepean River near Penrith, part of the Lower Nepean scheme?

(2.) The quantity running to waste every day over the natural dam, or proposed weir, at Penrith?

(3.)

(3.) Whether provision could not be made, at a moderate cost, for conveying into the Prospect reservoir a sufficient quantity of water to meet the requirements of the city and suburbs?
(4.) The distance from the most suitable site for the pumping station at Penrith to Prospect channel.
(5.) The estimated cost of pipes for completing the work; also the pumping charge?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The quantity of water stored in the Nepean River above Penrith has been estimated at 1,237 million gallons.
(2.) No gaugings have been taken.
(3.) The only means by which the water in the Nepean River could be utilised within the next nine months would be by means of water trains between Penrith and Blacktown, from where the water could gravitate to Prospect. By this means a supply of 5,000,000 gallons could be maintained.
(4.) Eighteen miles.
(5.) £141,000 for pipes capable of supplying 5,000,000 gallons per day; but no pipes could be obtained under less than nine months, the material not being available. The total cost of machinery for this work is estimated at £170,000; cost of pumping, £1,000 per annum.

(2.) Public Holidays:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Thomson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the cost to the State of each general holiday, specially proclaimed?
(2.) Seeing that such holidays have the effect of reducing the weekly wages of a number of persons in private employ, will he see that no unnecessary holidays are proclaimed?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Service Board is not in a position to furnish an answer to this Question. If what is required is the amount of the salary or wages of each officer and employee, this could only be ascertained by reference to each Department, including those which do not come under the provisions of the Public Service Act.

(3.) License Fees Paid by Carriers and Drivers:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What was the amount of license fees paid by the licensed carriers and drivers during the early operation of the Metropolitan Traffic Act?
(2.) The amount paid by each licensed carrier?
(3.) The amount paid by each driver and drayman?
(4.) The names of the persons who paid license fees during the operation of the said Act?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) During the year 1901 the amounts received were—From vans, £2,049; drivers, £466 15s.; total, £2,515 15s.
(2.) The amount paid was £1 for each vehicle, and 5s. by each driver.
(3.) Five shillings.
(4.) About 838 persons paid vehicle license fees. It would take some time to furnish a list of the names. The owners and drivers of vehicles not plying for hire in the streets were exempted from further payment by regulation dated 28th October, 1901.

(4.) Construction of a Dredge similar to the "Antleon":—Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the many requests for the services of the dredge "Antleon," and the success she has been by way of improving the entrances along the coast, will he place a sufficient sum on the next Estimates to construct a similar plant, so that shipping will not be detained awaiting such improvements?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I propose to consider the advisability of submitting a sum on the next Estimates for this purpose. I may say that we have not one-third of the number of dredges required to do the work we have to do on these coastal rivers.

(5.) Resumption of Church Properties:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the resumption of the various church properties which have been acquired recently by the Government?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There will be no objection if they are moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Police Force:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that promotion in the Police Force in any way depends upon the number of convictions obtained?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that such is not the fact.

(7.) Queensland Weather Bureau:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any arrangements been made for contribution by this State towards the maintenance of the Queensland Weather Bureau?

Sir John See answered,—The Queensland Government were informed on the 14th instant, in reply to their inquiry, that the New South Wales Government were agreeable to contribute proportionately to the cost of continuing the maintenance of the Queensland Weather Bureau. I am informed that the Federal Government have agreed to grant free postage and telegrams temporarily, pending the passing of the Postal Rates Bill, and are willing to ask Parliament to continue the concession until the establishment of a Federal Bureau or a fixed future date. I am very anxious that Mr. Wragge should be continued in the Service.

(8.) Bursaries for Poor Students at the University:—Mr. Levy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What is the total number of bursaries available at the University for poor students?
(2.) What are the conditions on which these bursaries are granted?
(3.) What are the holders of these bursaries entitled to?

Mr. Perry answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a return containing the information asked for.

(9.) Seed Wheat for Farmers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause provision to be made on the Estimates for a sum of money with which to provide seed wheat for distribution amongst farmers of the State who have so suffered by reason of the loss of their last sowing as to be unable to purchase seed for the ensuing season?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No. It would be too late in the season by the time funds could be made available for the purpose.

(10.) Unclaimed Property found in Tramways:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What becomes of the unclaimed money and valuables found in tramways?
(2.) If unclaimed within a certain time, are these articles or money returned to the officer who finds them, or to any fund for the support of the widows or families of sick or deceased officers of the Tramway Service?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed that the regulations provide that articles, including valuables, found in trams must be handed in by the tramway staff, and they are stored in a Lost Property Office.
(2.) If such articles are unclaimed within a reasonable time, they are disposed of and the proceeds, together with any unclaimed money, credited to the tramway revenue.

(11.) Construction of Weir across the Nepean River at Penrith:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the advisableness of constructing an inexpensive weir across the Nepean River at Penrith.
(2.) Has the Engineer furnished a report on the subject; if so, what is the estimated cost of such work and the additional quantity of water conserved?
(3.) Will he, in view of the serious effects of the drought and the probability of being called upon to augment the supply at Prospect from the Nepean at Penrith, cause prompt steps to be taken to construct the weir in question?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The estimated cost of constructing a dam on the natural weir is £500, and it would raise the water-level 18 inches, giving a storage of 1,412 million gallons. Owing to the unstable foundation, it is extremely doubtful whether such a dam could be made watertight.
(3.) The advisability of constructing this dam is now under consideration.

(12.) Renovation of Government House, Macquarie-street:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he noticed a statement made in the Press to the effect that it is not the intention of the Federal Government to pay the sum of £22,000 incurred by the State Government in effecting the renovation of Government House, in Macquarie-street, for occupation by the Governor-General?
(2.) Is not this a payment which is legitimately due to this State?
(3.) Will he take such steps as may be necessary to enforce federal recognition of this charge?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2 and 3.) The matter is now receiving attention. I have already informed the House that I am now negotiating with the other State Premiers with a view to obtaining a fair return from the Federal Government for the State properties which they have acquired, and also for the use of premises belonging to the State. I have not lost sight of the matter. I think I can claim to be the prime mover in seeing that the claims of the States were fairly recognised by the Federal Government. I shall not relax my efforts.

(13.) Retrenched Public Servants:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the return be laid upon the Table which was ordered by this House, on the motion of the Honorable Member for The Clarence, on 14th November, 1901, regarding civil servants who applied for leave before being retrenched, together with amount of remuneration granted, and other particulars?

Sir John See answered,—This return will be laid upon the Table very shortly.

3. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the tax-payer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) By Mr. Dick,—From William Cann, Mayor, and E. Scott Holland, Town Clerk, of the Municipality of Newcastle.
(2.) By Mr. D. R. Hall,—From John Humphries, Chairman, and E. A. McMahon, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Boggabri.
(3.) By Mr. D. R. Hall,—From James Courtney, Chairman, and Sydney John Gibbons, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Committee, Carroll.
Petitions received.

4. Papers:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting University Bursaries.
(2.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Borough of Drummoyne Loan Enabling Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of £14,000 to pay off certain loans, and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of £14,000 to pay off certain loans, and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th June, 1902.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. W. F. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three months be granted to the Honorable Member for The Barwon, Mr. William Nicholas Willis, in consequence of his absence from the State.
Question put and passed.

7. STATE GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MACQUARIE-STREET, SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., relating to the granting of the State Government House in Macquarie-street to the Federal Government for occupation by the Governor-General.
Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC WORKS IN EACH ELECTORAL DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of money granted by the Government for public works in each electoral district of New South Wales since the opening of the present Parliament.
Question put and passed.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. W. F. Hurley,* for Dr. Ross, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three months be granted to the Honorable Member for Sydney-Belmore Division, Mr. Eden George, in consequence of his absence from the State.
Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Bill postponed until Tuesday, 12th August.

11. APPOINTMENT OF SIR HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, VICE-ADMIRAL IN THE ROYAL NAVY, K.C.B., AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 1 be read.
Question put and passed.
And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 28th May, 1902) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Sir John See then moved, That the following Address in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message be adopted by this House and presented to His Excellency :—

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Message, informing us of your assumption of the Government of the State, in virtue of a Commission from His Most Gracious Majesty appointing you Governor.

We beg Your Excellency to accept our cordial congratulations on your assuming the government of New South Wales. The choice made by His Majesty will, we feel assured, tend to strengthen the loyal attachment of all classes.

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Lee,—
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

12. AUDIT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Affleck moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 *JULY*, 1902.

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

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE KING:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following letters from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor:—

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 26 June, 1902.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing a copy of an Address of Sympathy to His Majesty the King adopted by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

I have to inform you that His Excellency has transmitted a telegraphic despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying the terms of the Address of Sympathy forwarded by you, and requesting that the same be conveyed to His Most Gracious Majesty.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. ROWE,
Private Secretary.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 28 June, 1902.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit to you the subjoined copy of a telegraphic despatch which His Excellency has this day received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, viz.:—

"Her Majesty the Queen and Prince of Wales desire me to convey warm thanks of them-
" selves and Royal Family to you and Houses of Legislature for kind Message of Sympathy."

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. ROWE,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SIR HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, VICE-ADMIRAL IN THE ROYAL NAVY, K.C.B., AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor the Address of Congratulation adopted by the House in reply to His Excellency's Message No. 1, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:—

State Government House, Sydney.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,—

I receive, with much gratification, your complimentary Address on my appointment as the Representative of His Most Gracious Majesty in this State, and I desire to return you my sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which your congratulations are expressed.

I can assure you that, in the faithful and careful discharge of my duties, it will be my continued and earnest endeavour to promote the welfare and happiness of this State, and to strengthen that loyal attachment to His Majesty's Crown and Person which distinguishes already the whole population of New South Wales.

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

1st July, 1902.

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3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Newcastle Sewerage Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON. *Message No.* 60.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1902.

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

(2.) Richmond Bridge Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 61.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th June, 1902.

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

4. TIMBER LICENSES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 62.
State Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the State Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884, in respect of timber licenses under that Act.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1902.

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

5. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Bonuses Paid for Prospecting :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the total sum paid by the Department of Mines, in the shape of aid or bonus, since the principle was first introduced to foster prospecting?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The amount paid to date is £324,745 18s.

(2.) Road from George-street to Dawes' Point Baths :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who has the control of the road from George-street to the Dawes' Point baths?

(2.) Is he aware that the road is in a very dangerous and disgraceful condition, and will he order the repair of same immediately?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The road is within the resumed area. It has hitherto been maintained by the City Council.

(2.) I am informed that it is not in good repair, but I will call for a report as to what should be done.

(3.) Money due to Mr. Playfair for Provisions Supplied to the Yacht "Victoria" :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has Mr. Daley's statement in reference to money due to Mr. Playfair, for provisions supplied to the yacht "Victoria," been substantiated by his Department?

(2.) What was the exact amount of the account, how long has it been running, and when was it paid?

(3.) Why has the payment been so long delayed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Mr. Daley, M.L.A., was understood to have stated that the amount due to Mr. Playfair for provisions supplied to the "Victoria" was £400. The exact amount of the account, in reality, was only £210 19s. 2d.

(2.) The account has been running from the 24th September, 1901, to date.

(3.) There has been no unnecessary delay, and if there had been any requests by Mr. Playfair for payment, or any representation with regard to delay, the account would have been paid forthwith.

(4.) Drivers on Electric Trams :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he confer with the Commissioners for Railways with the object of inducing them to construct as speedily as possible some protection for the drivers on our electric trams, so that they may be sheltered from wind, dust, and rain?

(2.) If the Commissioners object to this proposal on the ground of expense, will he, on his next Estimates, ask the House for a special grant of money to cover the cost of the proposed shelter additions referred to?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I have conferred with the Railway Commissioners previously, who point out that the drivers have protection overhead and are provided with overcoats. Few, if any, tramway companies grant more liberal arrangements than prevail here, while our climatic conditions are very favourable. To do more would introduce an element of risk which the Commissioners cannot accept.
(2.) The matter is not governed by the cost.

(5.) Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Was a railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa submitted to Parliament last Session; if not, why not?
(2.) Will he say why it was not submitted to the Public Works Committee?
(3.) Will he have plans and specifications of the proposed Liverpool to Mulgoa railway placed before the Public Works Committee early this Session?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1 and 2.) Other lines had first to receive consideration.
(3.) I cannot make a definite promise until Cabinet has decided what proposals shall be submitted for the Committee to report upon.

(6.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount charged by the Railway Commissioners to the various lessees as rent for the refreshment rooms at all railway stations in New South Wales where refreshment rooms exist, giving name of station and amount in each case?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There will be no objection to give this information if moved for in the usual way.

(7.) Allowances for Fires to Country School-teachers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What allowance, if any, is made to teachers of schools in the country wherewith to provide fuel for heating purposes during the winter months?
(2.) Are all schools, small and large alike, furnished with fireplaces; and if special allowances are made, are they made to the teachers of all schools?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) As regards the majority of schools in the country, a fuel allowance is granted, which varies according to circumstances, namely, the size of the school and the supply of fuel available in the district. In the coastal districts an allowance, not to exceed 10s. per fireplace, is granted to provide fires on wet and cold days.
(2.) So far as I am aware, all schools have either fireplaces or stoves.

(8.) Amendment of the Land Tax Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Will he introduce this Session a Bill to provide for the amendment of the Land Tax Act in the direction of imposing upon all owners of land the responsibility of assessing the value thereof for taxation purposes, the State being entitled to acquire such land at the value set upon it by its owner, with 5 per cent. added, should the valuation seem to the Minister of the day to be very much under a reasonable estimate?
(2.) Will he consider whether, if this amendment were effected, a very great saving in official assessment charges would be made, and a measure like the Closer Settlement Act be practically rendered unnecessary?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) The matter referred to has received consideration in connection with the Amending Land and Income Tax Bill which is now being prepared.
(2.) I do not think that such a provision would effect any great saving, nor could it in any way interfere with the necessity for a Closer Settlement Act.

(9.) Water Supply for Rylstone:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has the report reached him, prepared by an officer of his Department, with respect to the matter of the proposed water supply for Rylstone?
(2.) When does he propose to proceed with the work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Levels have since been taken and trial holes sunk, and an analysis of different samples of water is now being obtained prior to a definite scheme being submitted for consideration.

6. Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. Hogue, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the carrying of Newspapers on the Government Railways, and praying to be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses,—
(1.) From Samuel Cook, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales.
(2.) From W. Wynne, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales.
Petitions received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

7. Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. Brinsley Hall,—
(1.) From residents of Kurrajong, North Richmond, Grose Vale, Comleroy, Richmond, &c., representing that Petitioners have learnt with regret and surprise that a Petition has been presented from residents of Kurrajong purporting to be the voice of the majority of the residents in opposition to the building of the proposed new traffic bridge across the Hawkesbury River at Richmond until the matter of a railway to Kurrajong has been dealt with; that such Petition does not voice a majority of the residents of the district; that this Petition is the result of a public meeting duly advertised and held at North Richmond on 14th June, 1902; and praying that no delay be allowed in starting the construction of the said traffic bridge.
(2.) From residents of Richmond and district in favour of the immediate construction of a traffic bridge across the Hawkesbury River at Richmond, as recommended by the Public Works Committee.
Petitions received.

8. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. John Hurley, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) From John Reeve, Chairman, and William Williams, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Kareela.
(2.) From F. C. Hely, Chairman, and W. Delacheur, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Dora Creek.
(3.) From R. S. Callaghan, Chairman, and C. Bewes Thistlethwayte, Secretary, Progress Association, Gordon.
Petitions received.

9. Papers:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Papers respecting the case of prisoner, William Bros.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 5th September, 1901,—"Retirements from the Public Service."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

10. Timber Licenses Bill:—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that this House will To-day resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in respect of timber licenses under that Act.
Question put and passed.

11. Legitimation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hogue moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hogue, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. Postponements:—The remaining General Business and Government Notices of Motions Nos. 1 to 3 postponed (*by consent*) to follow after the Government Order of the Day for the consideration of the expediency of bringing in the Timber Licenses Bill.

13. Timber Licenses Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself in a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in respect of timber licenses under that Act.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in respect of timber licenses under that Act.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of* 1884 *in respect of timber licenses under that Act*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

14. Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

15. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading [*Mr. Haynes*];—until Tuesday, 12th August.
(2.) Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading [*Mr. Ashton*];—until Tuesday, 15th July.

16. Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read, for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Nobbs, "That this Bill be now "read a second time,"—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Nobbs, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

17. Public Places Advertisements Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places.

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

(2.) Mr. Clark then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

18. Registration of Firms Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Levy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration of firms.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of firms.

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

(2.) Mr. Levy then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the registration of firms*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th August.

19. Adjournment:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *JULY*, 1902.

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

COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 63.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1902.

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

2. SYDNEY MINT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 64.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Sydney Mint Act of 1865.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th June, 1902.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Powers and Duties of the Police:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the report of the Inspector-General of Police with regard to the difficulty his officers labour under in the efforts to suppress offences against the law, owing to the laxity of the law, especially with regard to the Licensing Act, viz., selling liquor after prohibited hours, and also regarding the loitering nuisance about our city streets, will he take immediate steps to remodel the law?

(2.) Will he invest the police with more powers under the Towns Police Act?

(3.) Will he instruct the police to take right measures to suppress what is known as "pavement "pushes," and will he arm the police with the power to arrest loiterers?

(4.) Will he take into serious consideration the necessity for making the street expectoration nuisance an offence against the law by Act of Parliament?

(5.) Is he aware that under the present Municipal by-law the police have no power to arrest persons who congregate in main thoroughfares and expectorate to the discomfort of respectable persons?

(6.)

(6.) Is he aware that the police in such cases can only issue summons, and that in about nine cases out of every ten fictitious names are given by offenders, who thereby defy the police in their duty, and consequently escape punishment?

(7.) Will he also amend the Vagrancy Act, and increase the powers of the police in the prosecution of "confidence men" who infest our parks, and by a systematic method of confederacy rob simple country visitors and foreigners?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) An Amending Licensing Bill will be introduced. The other matter will receive consideration.

(2, 3, and 4.) *Vide* reply to Question No. 1.

(5 and 6.) Procedure must be by summons; arrest would be an extreme course. The proportion of persons who evade prosecution is nothing like so large as stated.

(7.) This matter has been constantly under consideration, with a view to obviate present difficulties in the way of prosecutions where accused persons have means.

(2.) Amounts Paid to the Legal Profession by the Lyne and See Governments:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amounts have been paid to members of the legal profession by the Government during the term of the Lyne and See Administrations, and for what?

(2.) Is it a fact that many Statutes have been consolidated outside of Mr. Justice Heydon's jurisdiction?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(2.) No, none have been so consolidated.

(3.) Hotel-keepers in the Resumed Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the licenses of several hotel-keepers in the resumed area have been successfully opposed by the police?

(2.) Is it not a fact that in every instance the license has been refused through the neglect of the Government to put the premises in proper licensing order, and to the demolition of contiguous properties?

(3.) Have the rents been in any case reduced?

(4.) Where the licenses have been refused, will the Government reduce the rentals?

(5.) Will he say definitely when the licensed victuallers in the resumed area may expect the compensation legally and rightfully theirs?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) The renewal of one license was refused on objection by the police that the building is very old, in bad order, and structurally weakened by demolition of adjacent premises. Another application for renewal was withdrawn on a licensee being served with notice of police objection on the grounds that the premises are old, dilapidated, and unfit to be re-licensed.

(3, 4, and 5.) It is the policy of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, as far as practicable, to reduce the number of public-houses within the area vested in the Trust; when a house loses its license, for any reason whatsoever, the circumstances will be reviewed by the Commissioners, and the rent assessed at the fair value of the premises other than as a public-house.

(4.) Postal Premises in Castlereagh-street:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were the postal premises in Castlereagh-street, which were originally purchased by the New South Wales Government, taken over by the Federal Government when they took charge of the postal control of this State?

(2.) Does any member of the Government control postal matters in this State, other than the Deputy-Postmaster General?

(3.) If so, who?

(4.) In view of the utterly inadequate accommodation for the Post Office and Parcels Post business conducted at this office, which causes serious inconvenience every day to the citizens of this State, will he take such steps as will give additional accommodation for the transaction of business at this particular office?

(5.) Who controls the Department under the heading of Customs, where postal parcels supposed to contain dutiable articles are opened, at this office?

(6.) In view of the fact that the applicants and addressees for these parcels (many of which parcels contain valuable watches, jewellery, and other things) are exposed to the indignity of having their parcels opened in this barn-like office before everybody who may happen to be in the office at that time, will he take such steps in the proper quarters as will cause the alteration of this objectionable practice?

(7.) As the officers in this particular office are not to blame, being most courteous and obliging, considering the difficulty they have to contend with, will he have any objection to endeavour to secure an alteration of these premises in order to meet this serious public want?

Sir John See answered,—This is a matter which concerns the Federal Government. I will communicate with them on the subject.

(5.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the report of the Public Works Committee, when will the Government submit to the House a proposal for the removal of the Abattoirs from their present position at Glebe Island to Homebush Bay, or other site?

(2.) Is there any truth in the rumour that the Government contemplates improvements to the Abattoirs as they now stand?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The matter has not yet received consideration.

(2.) No; but repairs and additions necessary for reasonable convenience of customers at the Abattoir have been made every year, and are still being made.

(6.) Consolidation of the Statutes:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the date of the Commission appointing Mr. District Court Judge Heydon a Commissioner for the Consolidation of the Statutes; and the full period the Commission has been in existence?

(2.) What is the number of consolidating Statutes passed by Parliament to date as the result of the Commission?

(3.) What is the number of Statutes these consolidating Statutes wholly repeal?

(4.) The names of the barristers employed on the Commission; the dates of their appointment and retirement; and the moneys accrued and paid to each?

(5.) The number of consolidating Statutes still to be passed by Parliament, and the number of Statutes these wholly repeal?

(6.) When will the General Index to the Statute Law, to be prepared by the Commission, be submitted to Parliament?

(7.) What is the amount of money paid by way of printing, stationery, and other incidentals in connection with the consolidation of the Statutes, irrespective of draughtsmen's fees; also an approximate value of the stock of Statutes depreciated by the introduction of consolidated Statutes?

(8.) The total expenditure under all heads incurred to date in connection with the work of the Consolidation Commission?

(9.) Will he have inquiries made, and the result laid upon the Table of this House, as to the cost of consolidating the Victorian Statutes in the year 1890; and also as to the number of consolidated Statutes passed; and the number of Statutes wholly repealed by such Statutes?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 to 8.) This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return in due course.

(9.) Yes.

(7.) Punishments inflicted by Judges and Police Magistrates:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the necessity which exists for making the Judges and Police Magistrates of New South Wales acquainted with the groundwork of that science known as "Criminology," will he cause them to be furnished each with a copy, or at least cause them to acquaint themselves with the contents, of the recently issued work on "The Science of Penology," by Henry M. Boles?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that, owing to their lack of knowledge on the above subject, Judges and Police Magistrates very often inflict outrageous punishments upon persons who, from a scientific point of view, are not responsible for their actions?

Sir John See answered,—No.

(8.) Taxation Department Appeals:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—When may the officers of the Taxation Department expect an official decision in connection with the appeals lodged by them, and recently heard before the Public Service Board?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Service Board has furnished the following information:—In cases where it has been decided to increase the salaries at which the officers of the Taxation Department were appointed to the permanent staff under the provisions of the Taxation Officers' Act of 1900 the decisions have already been given, and the amounts have been paid to the officers concerned. In other cases, the officers are now being informed through their Department.

(9.) Solicitor-General:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the answer given by the Colonial Secretary to a Question on 7th August, 1901, that it would be the duty of the Solicitor-General, when required, to appear for the Crown in civil cases without fee, could he state how many civil cases the Solicitor-General has so far conducted?

Sir John See answered,—The Solicitor-General has appeared in three civil cases since his appointment.

(10.) Answers to Questions in Parliament:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he given consideration to a suggestion made last Session to the effect that answers to Questions of which notice has been given be printed on the Business Paper of the Assembly each day succeeding the day on which such notice has been so given?

(2.) Would it not be possible, by the adoption of such suggestion, to conserve the time now occupied in affording word of mouth replies to printed queries?

Sir John See answered,—I think we had better observe the old rule in answering Questions.

(11.) Seed Wheat for Farmers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will his Department be prepared to immediately grant to such farmers as may need it, pending the future appropriation of a sum of money for the payment of same, necessary quantities of seed wheat for the ensuing sowing, such advances to be repaid the Department in due course?

(2.) Is he not aware of the fact that farmers in many parts of the State lost last season's crops because of the protracted drought, and that they are at present unable to obtain seed in the ordinary way?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware. In 1901, 1,389,434 acres were cropped with wheat, the yield being 14,786,059 bushels, or 10·6 bushels on an average per acre, as against 1,530,609 acres cropped in 1900, the yield being 16,173,771 bushels, or 10·6 bushels per acre. The average for the past five years is 9·6.

(12.) Postmasters Performing Work of the Electoral Department:—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many postmasters are performing the work of the Electoral Department for this State at the present time?

(2.) How many postmasters have been relieved of this work within the last two years?

(3.) Do the postmasters at Redfern, Glebe, and Woollahra perform these duties; if not, who?

(4.) In view of heavy work entailed by this Department with the Women's Suffrage in the near future, and with Commonwealth electoral work to be performed shortly, will he consider whether this Department could be better managed in the hands of persons unhampered by other large Departments, whereby their sole attention could be given to this work?

(5.) Is it not a fact that Revision Courts have had to be postponed through the inability of postmasters to compete with this and their own work, causing expense and trouble, and which would not have occurred had it been in hands of persons who had time to attend to it?

(6.) Do these postmasters receive pay for their work, or overtime allowance at any other period than at election times?

(7.) Has any petition been presented to the Electoral Department by the postmasters engaged in this extra work, asking to be relieved of the same?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Thirty-one as Electoral Registrars, 205 as Deputy Registrars.

(2.) Two Electoral Registrars, four Deputy Registrars.

(3.) No. The Clerks of Petty Sessions at Redfern, Glebe, and Paddington.

(4.) The matter will receive attention.

(5.) No. Postmasters have been advised to depute the City Registrar to attend the monthly Revision Courts on their behalf, thus obviating the necessity for their personal attendance. *Vide* section 48 of the Electoral Act.

(6.) No separate allowance is made for electoral work; but overtime pay is allowed whenever Registrars are called upon to perform work which cannot be carried out in the ordinary office hours.

(7.) No.

(13.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any arrangement been made with the State Governments of Victoria and New Zealand for the payment of old-age pensions to old colonists who have been living part of their time in one State and part in the other?

(2.) If not, will he, as early as possible, endeavour to make such an arrangement so as to do justice to these old colonists?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Colonial Government of New Zealand has declined to take steps with a view to providing for reciprocity as regards old-age pensions with this State. The late State Government of Victoria was communicated with and asked to provide for reciprocity, and provision was made in the amended Pensions Act of that State, but no agreement has yet been entered into. Another communication will be addressed to the Victorian Government in regard to the matter.

(14.) Railway from Bomaderry to Nowra:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he, in his railway policy, submit to this House the question of constructing a railway from present terminus at Bomaderry into the town of Nowra, as already recommended by the Public Works Committee?

(2.) Will he, at the same time, submit to the Public Works Committee the question of extending the line from Nowra to Jervis Bay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I can make no promise until Cabinet has decided what proposals shall be submitted for consideration this Session.

(15.) Hospital for Insane, Out-door Staff:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are all the out-door staff employed at Hospitals for Insane allowed Saturday afternoon and public holidays?

(2.) Will he state what number of male attendants have resigned or been dismissed from the Hospital for Insane, Parramatta, from the 15th of October, 1900, to the 30th June, 1902?

Sir John See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—

(1.) Public holidays, or a day in lieu thereof, are given, but the work permits of only a proportion of Saturday afternoons.

(2.) Of attendants on the staff, two were dismissed and two resigned. Three attendants retired at the age of 60 years, or on account of ill-health. Of attendants in their year of probation, fifteen resigned.

(16.) New South Wales Mounted Rifles and Bushmen's Contingents:—*Mr. J. F. Smith*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received a memorial of grievances from the returned men of the 2nd and 3rd New South Wales Mounted Rifles and Bushmen's Contingents, concerning—

(1.) The delay in paying them off while awaiting discharge;

(2.) The non-payment of the special Imperial war gratuity sanctioned by Army Order 150, July, 1900, as paid to previous New South Wales Contingents, and now being paid to the Queensland Contingents;

(3.) The withdrawal of the £100 embargo against passengers to South Africa, so far as returning members of Australian Contingents are concerned;

(4.) The return of their rifles to these men, as sanctioned by Lord Kitchener through Colonel Lassetter;

(5.)

(5.) The stoppage of 15s. 1½d. per man for bayonets lost on active service;
(6.) The retention of 5s. per man from nearly all these men for damage alleged to have been caused by them at Capetown and Albany;
(7.) The granting of indulgence return passages to South Africa?

(2.) Has he come to any decision in regard to the redress of these and other grievances set forth in the said memorial?

Sir John See answered,—Yes, a memorial has been received, and I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the reply which has been sent thereto.

4. System of Municipal Government for Greater Sydney:—Mr. Dacey (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "System of Municipal Government for Greater "Sydney," have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.
Question put and passed.

5. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land in connection with approaches to the New Central Railway Station, Sydney.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Technical College at Wollongong.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Tank at Domboy, for Water Supply purposes in connection with the Moree to Inverell Railway.
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Weir on the Nepean River, near Penrith.
(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board.
(2.) Report on vaccination for the year 1901.
(3.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1901.
(4.) Memorial of grievances concerning the 2nd and 3rd New South Wales Mounted Rifles and Bushmen's Contingents.
(5.) Return respecting the appointment of Messrs. Angus and Robertson as Booksellers to the Public Library, the Parliamentary Library, and the University Library.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Legitimation Bill (*Forinal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Hogue then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law by making provision for the legitimation of children born before marriage on the subsequent marriage of their parents.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law by making provision for the legitimation of children born before marriage on the subsequent marriage of their parents,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1902.

Legitimation Bill.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd July, 1902.

F. W. Webb,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3, Schedule, line 3. *Omit* "Colony" *insert* "State"
Page 3, Schedule, line 15. *Omit* "ninth" *insert* "sixty-fourth"
Page 3, Schedule, lines 16 to 19. *Omit* "for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations "taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and "to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and "extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits" *insert* "to consolidate the enactments relating to "Oaths, Affirmations, Statutory Declarations, and Affidavits"
Page 3, Schedule, line 23. *Omit* "Colony" *insert* "State"
Examined,—
J. H. Cann,
Chairman of Committees.

7. Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Drainage Promotion Act of* 1901."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Drainage Promotion Act of* 1901,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1902.

8. MOORE ESTATE ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Nobbs, read a third time, and *passed.*
Mr. Nobbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further extend the powers given by the Moore Estate Act of* 1879 *and the Moore Estate Amendment Act of* 1886, *and to provide for the receipt, investment, and disposal of the proceeds of the resumption of certain lands, and in other respects to amend the said Acts.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the powers given by the Moore Estate Act of* 1879 *and the Moore Estate Amendment Act of* 1886, *and to provide for the receipt, investment, and disposal of the proceeds of the resumption of certain lands, and in other respects to amend the said Acts,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1902.

9. STAGE-CARRIAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stage-carriages Act of 1899.
Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Public Places Advertisements Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday, 26th August.
(2.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday, 26th August.
(3.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday, 29th July.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "To "call attention to the inadequate means of egress from the Halls known as the Gaiety and Golden "Gate Athletic Clubs, whereby, in case of a fire or a panic, many lives may be sacrificed,"—
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

12. TIMBER LICENSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

13. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000, for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £500; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000, for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £500; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the annual expenditure of* £200,000, *for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds* £500; *and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

14. AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Establishment of Trade with San Francisco:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total sum paid in way of bonus by New South Wales in establishing trade between here and San Francisco, from the time H. H. Hall secured it up to the time it lapsed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am not aware that any direct bonus has been paid by this State in establishing trade with San Francisco. I would suggest that the Honorable Member recast his Question, as in its present form it is not quite clear what information he desires to elicit.

(2.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Quirk asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to provide for a refund of the amount paid in to the Superannuation Fund by the ex-contributors; and if so, in what form will the refund be made?

Sir John See answered,—No definite answer can be yet given to this Question, which involves very grave matters of policy.

(3.) Establishment of State Ironworks:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Have the Government any intention of introducing State Socialism in the establishing of ironworks for the treatment of the iron and manganese deposits of this State?
(2.) If not, are they favourable to the principle of a bonus on the lines of the Bonus Bill brought in by the Federal Government?

Sir John See answered,—This is an important matter. The Government have not arrived at a determination as to what course they will pursue.

(4.) Merewether Estate:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is the survey to be made defining the original boundary of the Merewether Estate along the ocean beach, Merewether, Newcastle?

Mr. Perry answered,—The case is under reference to the District Surveyor to carry out the survey, and he has been asked by telegraph to state when the work will be completed.

(5.) Experimental Farm, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have designs and specifications for the new buildings to be erected on the Experimental Farm, Wagga Wagga, been completed?
(2.) If so, when is it intended that tenders be invited for the works?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Sketch plans have been prepared and approved. The papers are now with the District Architect to obtain the necessary levels of the site. The preparation of working plans and specification will be put in hand immediately on receipt of particulars from the local officer.
(2.) Tenders will be invited about the beginning of August.

(6.) Ganmain Holding:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What is the estimated area of the leasehold on Ganmain Holding, which expired on the 11th June last?
(2.) Is there an exchange pending with regard to this land, and when was the proposal for an exchange lodged?
(3.) Will every expedition be made to have this area measured into suitable blocks and made available for settlement?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) What remains of the leasehold area comprises about 37,418 acres.
(2.) An exchange application was lodged on the 19th June last by the Scottish Australian Investment Company, Limited, to surrender 4,417¼ acres in exchange for an equal area.
(3.) As the land now remaining is situated within an important forest reserve, the retention of which is desirable, the disposal of the land under conditions which would be inimical to forest interests does not recommend itself.

(7.) Central Railway Station, Sydney:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is the original plan in connection with the Central Railway Station, and which was before the Public Works Committee, to be adhered to in the carrying out of the work of construction; if not, in what direction have alterations been effected, and what will be the increased cost incurred as compared with the original estimate?
(2.) Will the station buildings as now proposed to be constructed be identical in all essential particulars with the plans recommended for adoption by the Public Works Committee and agreed to by Parliament?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) In the main, the original plan has been adhered to; but the approaches to the station will be greatly improved.
(2.) Yes; except that there will be certain additional accommodation for the Railway Commissioners, the Post Office, and the Ambulance Corps; also, there will be some spare rooms for shops from which revenue can be obtained. When finished, the Central Railway Station of Sydney, in conjunction with its approaches, will be the handsomest in the world.

(8.) Establishment of State Ironworks:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
Has the Cabinet considered, or does it propose to consider, the advisability of establishing State ironworks on the lines laid down by a majority of the House of Representatives during the recent discussion by that body of the bonus question?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is very important, and one which compels very serious consideration. We are not governed by the Federal authority. It is for the State Government and the State Parliament to consider what is the best course to pursue. I am not in a position at the present moment to say more than this: the matter of State ironworks will receive every consideration at the hands of the Government.

(9.) Australian and Civil Ambulance Associations:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Why has the payment of £100 voted last Session to the Australian Ambulance Association been withheld?
(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all letters, papers, and reports, or copies of same in the hands of the Government or of the Principal Under Secretary, relating to either the Australian or the Civil Ambulance Associations, or to any other officer of each respective Association?

Sir John See answered,—There will be no objection whatever to the papers relating to this matter being laid upon the Table of this House if they are moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Public and Mitchell Libraries:—Mr. Hogue asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Has any determination been come to for erecting a building for a State library in place of the present building in Macquarie and Bent Streets?
(2.) Has any provision yet been made for properly housing the Mitchell Library, or is the portion of that library already handed over to the Trustees still stored in the back rooms of the reference library premises, and inaccessible to the general public?

Mr. Perry answered,—A final decision has not yet been arrived at, but action is being taken towards the erection of new library premises, in which ample provision will be made for the Mitchell Library.

(11.) Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
Have the officers in the Clerical Division of the Government Printing Office yet received the increments they are entitled to under the Public Service Board regulations; if not, what is the reason?

Sir John See answered,—So far as the Public Service Board is aware, there are only two or three increment cases in connection with officers of the Government Printing Office still outstanding, and these are at the present time being dealt with.

(12.) Telegraph Poles:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken to prevent the cutting of ironbark trees for use as telegraph poles?
(2.) Has the Telegraph Department been informed that young ironbark trees must not be cut for such purposes?

Mr.

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) Yes; under the Timber and Quarry Regulations of 1st July, 1902, ironbark timber may not be felled, under license on any Crown lands, beneath the girth of 4 feet 6 inches, measured 5 feet from the ground.
(2.) Yes.

(13.) Nambucca River Entrance:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the necessary steps be taken to refer to the Public Works Committee the proposal to complete the main walls at Nambucca River entrance?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The preparation of the plans required in connection with this work, before the scheme can be prepared for submission to the Cabinet, has had to be postponed owing to the necessity for investigating very urgent matters in connection with the Metropolitan and Suburban Water Supply. The completion of the drawings for the Nambucca entrance will be again put in hand shortly, and when they have been completed the work will be ready for reference to the Cabinet.

(14.) Children in Cook and Phillip Parks:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that children have been warned off Cook and Phillip Parks by the police for playing thereon?
(2.) Will he make inquiries and give instructions that the children should not be disturbed, as the parks in question are the only playgrounds available for the children belonging to citizens residing on the confines thereof?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—Boys playing football and other games to the annoyance of persons passing through the parks have been ordered off, in accordance with the by-law, which is as follows:—"No games shall be allowed to be played in Cook and Phillip Parks without written permission "from the Trustees."

(15.) Imperial Gratuity to Volunteer Officers who served in South Africa:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that an Imperial gratuity of £100 is paid to all volunteer officers on their retirement from active service in South Africa?
(2.) If so, what officers, if any, have received the gratuity?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(16.) Fodder Duties:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the matter of the fodder duties received the attention of the Cabinet; and, if it has, what determination, if any, has been arrived at?

Sir John See answered,—This matter has received very careful consideration at the hands of the Government. When the Question was first brought under my notice, I communicated with the Federal Government, and stated on behalf of the Government, and I believe on behalf of the great bulk of the people of the State, that something should be done by the Federal Government in the direction of remitting the duties on fodder, in order to preserve the lives of the stock, as far as it was possible to do so. I was told in reply that the other States, being members of the Federation, objected. In order to facilitate provision for the stock suffering so much from drought, the Railway Commissioners, at the instance of the Government and with its thorough approval, made a reduction in the rate of carriage to the interior on fodder for the purpose of feeding the starving stock. That in itself was a very considerable relief. The question of remitting the duties on fodder involves not only the question of fodder duties, but that of duties generally; and it opens up such a wide range that the Government at the present moment are not in a position to say that they will attempt to usurp the functions of the Federal Government, and thereby practically reverse the opinions expressed by those who, by voting for federation, expressed themselves in favour of the Commonwealth undertaking the responsibility of dealing with the tariff. The State Government do not see their way clear at the present time to undertake this very important matter—to pay the duty. It really means this, and I say it with great deliberation. Consequent upon the drought, there has been an increase in the prices of pretty well all articles of consumption. If there was no duty the price would be very considerable; but the duty, no doubt, in some respects has accentuated the high price. There is no fodder ring. There is the same competition now that there always has been. Competition brings about the very best results for the people who desire to buy. To some extent the duty has increased the price of fodder, but the great bulk of the stuff has been received from the federated States. It has come from South Australia, from Victoria, and from Tasmania. If my honorable friend will take the trouble to read the returns in reference to the imports, he will find that not 5 per cent. of the fodder consumed has been imported from abroad. All kinds of wild statements have been made about the price at which fodder can be imported from Argentina and other ports of South America; but I am in a position to say that a great many of those statements are entirely misleading. I have ascertained by cable, and from other sources, that the prices at which it is alleged produce can be landed here from other parts of the world, notably South America, have been greatly exaggerated, and there has been no diminution of the supply for starving stock up to the present time. Of course, the price is governed by the demand; but most of the produce has come from the federated States, and the price has not been affected by the duties. When this matter was brought under my notice, I said, as representing the State, that we were prepared to forego the duty upon imported fodder, but the Federal Government could not see their way clear to do that. Just the same as in some other matters, they have endeavoured to put the

responsibility

responsibility on this Government when they should have taken action themselves. We are carrying fodder practically free on our railways, and that is a debit against the railways which the General Revenue has to provide for. When it is remembered that we carry a 6-ton truck of chaff or produce to Bourke, a distance of 500 miles, for 2s. a ton, it must be admitted that some effort has been made by the Government to meet this great difficulty. The question of remitting the duties on fodder would practically involve a larger question as to remitting duties on other articles which concern human existence.

(17.) Reduction of Members of Parliament:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he state when the Government intend to introduce a measure for submitting to a direct vote of the people the question of the reduction of Members of Parliament, as promised in paragraph 6 of the Governor's speech?

Sir John See answered,—This is a very important question, and it appears to be a burning one in the mind of the honorable gentleman. When other matters now under consideration are dealt with—such as the Women's Franchise Bill, the Municipal Bill, the Audit Bill, and several other bills—I will be prepared to give the House the fullest information.

(18.) Port Macquarie Harbour Works:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Cabinet submit to the Public Works Committee the question of the extension of the harbour works at Port Macquarie?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The necessary work for the submission of this scheme to Parliament for reference to the Cabinet is well in hand, but has been delayed by other work intervening.

(19.) Annual Revision of Jury Lists:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of representations made to the Minister for Justice last Session, to the effect that much inconvenience and hardship are caused by compelling Honorary Magistrates to travel long distances for the annual revision of jury lists, will he consider the advisability of relieving Honorary Magistrates of the duty, and providing that Police Magistrates or District Court Judges shall revise the lists?

Sir John See answered,—In an amending Juries Bill which has been prepared, a clause has been inserted relieving honorary justices of the duty of revising the jury lists, and placing it upon the Police Magistrates alone.

2. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

3. Papers:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—By-laws for the sanitary area of Tocumwal under the Public Health Act, 1896.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Molybdenite to be a "Mineral" within the Mining Act of 1889.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Timber Licenses Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Act of* 1884 *in respect of timber licenses under that Act.*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Act of* 1884 *in respect of timber licenses under that Act*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd July, 1902.

5. Eddy Orphanage Bill:—Mr. Perry, pursuant to leave granted on the 19th June, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of Railway and Tramway employees, so employed under the Government Railways Act of* 1888; *to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Ferguson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The suspension of "the labour conditions on the Pinnacles Mine."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 7.	Noes, 56.		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Estell.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nielsen,
Tellers,	Mr. Quinn,	Sir John See,	Mr. McGowen,
	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Ferguson.	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Lonsdale,
	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Holman,
	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Fegan,
	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Jones,
	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Carroll,
	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Scobie.
	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Nelson,	*Tellers,*
	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Morton,
	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Briner.
	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gormly,	
	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Reymond,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. Audit Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 *JULY*, 1902, a.m.

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

8. Adjournment:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dismissal of Mr. Gustave Fischer, Tramway Department:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with the inquiry and dismissal of Mr. Gustave Fischer from the Tramway Construction Branch?

(2.) Was any bonus ever allowed by the Department to this gentleman; and what was his salary at the time of his dismissal?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) There will be no objection, but they must be moved for in the usual way.

(2.) No; salary, £560 per annum.

(2.) Signalmen at Fort Phillip (Observatory Park):—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the signalmen at Fort Phillip (Observatory Park) been graded by the Public Service Board; if so, what is their grade, pay, allowances, and hours of employment?

(2.) Is it a fact that these men are never allowed off from one year's end to another; if it is, will he remedy this defect?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The Signal-master and his Assistant at Fort Phillip were graded in 1901 by the Public Service Board. The position of Signal-master has been graded with salary as follows:—Minimum, £150 per annum; maximum, £200; with annual increments of £5, together with quarters valued at £50, and fuel and light provided. The salary of Assistant Signal-master has been fixed at—minimum, £100 per annum; maximum, £120; with annual increments of £5, and quarters valued at £30, fuel and light provided. The duties of signalmen at Fort Phillip are necessarily from sunset to sunrise, but the important part of their duties is in the early morning.

(2.) It is not a fact that the men are never allowed off duty; on the contrary, these officers are entitled, like other officers of the General Division, to their annual leave of absence, which has hitherto been three weeks; but recently the Department has recommended that, in view of the special nature of the duties of signalmen, and as a special concession, their annual leave should be increased to four weeks.

(3.) Launchmen, Navigation Department:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the launchmen in the employ of the Navigation Department have not been paid the overtime due for services rendered during the inauguration of the Commonwealth and the visit of the Duke of York?

(2.) If these men are entitled to the overtime, why has it not been paid, and who is responsible for the delay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The men have been paid for the overtime services referred to.

(4.) Mercadool Cases:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has finality been reached regarding the civil proceedings in connection with the Mercadool cases?

(2.) What has been the total cost to the Crown since they commenced?

(3.) Do the Government intend to prosecute all those whose illegal practices have been the cause of these proceedings?

Mr.

Mr. Crick answered,—The cost of the Mercadool proceedings up to the present has been £8,224, but I would impress upon the Honorable Member that that cost has not been incurred by the Government with whom I am associated. As to the further proceedings in regard to Mercadool I cannot at present give a reply, because the time for appeal has not yet expired. When that time has expired I shall be prepared to answer the Question.

(5.) Extension of the Eight-hour System to Tramway Employees:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the reply given by him to Mr. Whiddon on Wednesday, 2nd July, in which he stated that it was not the intention of the Railway Commissioners to extend the eight-hour system to the tramway employees, other than the running staff, will he, in view of the following resolution, which was unanimously carried on the motion of the Honorable Member for Redfern, on the 1st October, 1901,—"That, in the opinion of this House, all Government "employees (servants of the Railway Commissioners included) should not work more than forty-"eight hours in any one week for a full week's work, and that a reduction of their hours of labour "to that number should be made without any reduction of their wages,"—have any objection to state why the Railway Commissioners have come to the determination not to extend the eight-hour system to all other branches of the tramway employees?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the reply I gave to the Question of the Honorable Member for Redfern on the 6th November last, when I stated that the Government had decided to give effect to the resolution referred to, and as an instalment such provision would be made on the next Estimates as would enable the Railway Commissioners to extend the eight-hour principle to the running staff of the railways and tramways from the beginning of the next financial year, viz., 1st July. Effect has been given to this decision.

(6.) Auxiliary Naval Squadron:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has this State paid by way of contribution during the past ten years for the maintenance of the Auxiliary Naval Squadron?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£378,046.

(7.) Erection of State Batteries:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the exorbitant charges made to miners and prospectors for having mining products treated at private batteries, will the Government at an early stage introduce legislation whereby State batteries may be erected, where mineral ores may be treated at actual cost?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am not aware that the charges made by the owners of private batteries are exorbitant, or that these owners are earning undue profits; but in the event of the Honorable Member showing that such is the case, the matter will receive further consideration, and can, it is thought, be dealt with without special legislation.

(8.) Police and Court Buildings, Leadville—Rylstone and Wollar Police Stations:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he put into hand at once (*a*) the work of erecting new police and court buildings at Leadville, for which plans have been prepared and tenders called; (*b*) improvements to police stations at Rylstone and Wollar, recommended last year by his Departmental officers; and (*c*) have plans prepared and tenders called for new police buildings at Ilford?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Amounts have been noted on the draft Revenue Estimates for the erection of court-house and police-station at Leadville, and police quarters at Ilford; also for repairs and renovations to police buildings at Rylstone and Wollar. These matters, therefore, await the provision of funds by Parliament.

(9.) Kiama Blue-metal Quarries:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) To what extent does his Department purchase metal from the Kiama quarries; what does it cost per ton (*a*) broken; and (*b*) in blocks?
(2.) Is there any truth in a Press statement to the effect that of late the unbroken stone has been brought to Sydney in trucks, and has been broken by day labour, with primitive implements, instead of being broken by machinery at the quarry mouth?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Tenders or quotations are received from time to time as the metal is required, and the prices vary according to place of delivery, &c. 2½-inch machine-broken metal is procured at various rates. The last contract price was 12s. 1d. per cubic yard.
(2.) I am not aware.

(10.) Court-house, Bathurst:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Young, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he, in his Department, an estimate for painting and decorating the Court-house at Bathurst?
(2.) If so, how long is it since that estimate was received, and what has been done in the matter?
(3.) Is he aware that the building is in the same state as when it left the builders' hands?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes, for painting and decorating the dome.
(2.) The estimate was prepared in 1892. The work has been postponed, at the request of the Justice Department, to admit of works of a more urgent nature being carried out.
(3.) I am informed that the walls of the building have not yet been painted.

(11.) Trains stuck up in Tunnel between Emu Plains and Glenbrook:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Will he state how many trains have been stuck up in the tunnel between Emu Plains and Glenbrook during the last two years, from 1st June, 1900, to 31st May, 1902; the cause in each case; and who is responsible?

(2.) In how many cases had the men to be taken off their trains, and other men found to run the trains to their destination?
(3.) How many men have been compelled to be off duty in consequence of the suffocating received in the tunnel?
(4.) How many men have been compelled to undergo medical treatment through inhaling noxious gases while in the tunnel; and in how many cases have the Railway Commissioners paid such medical expenses, or assisted to pay?
(5.) Have any cases of permanent injury resulted to men; and if so, how many?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed that there have been eight cases, five of which were due to heavy loads, two to engine slipping, and one case to the engine not steaming freely. With one exception in which the guard was thought to be responsible, no person was considered at fault.
(2.) The Locomotive Department reports one case.
(3, 4, and 5.) There is no record of any such cases.

(12.) Appointment of Collieries Inspector:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has the appointment of Collieries Inspector been yet made?
(2.) Will applicants holding only Service certificates and not certificates of competency be really eligible?
(3.) Are there any men in the Service holding certificates similar to those of the present inspectors and equally capable of administering the provisions of the Coal Mines Act; if so, how many, and are they debarred promotion, and if so, why?
(4.) In order to obtain practical men to act as inspectors, will he arrange to hold an open competitive examination to be conducted by the Examining Board under the present Act?
(5.) Will he arrange to give 10 per cent. of the total possible marks obtainable to those applicants who have been, or still are, working miners?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) No. The matter is under consideration.
(2.) Only holders of first-class certificates will be eligible.
(3.) Two; all applications received will be dealt with on their merits.
(4.) No; it is not considered necessary.
(5.) Answered by reply to Question 4.

(13.) Inmates of Pitt Town Settlement:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many inmates are in the Pitt Town settlement?
(2.) Is it a fact that the inmates are handed copies of rules and regulations after stating that they are destitute, and that they are requested to sign same?
(3.) Is it a fact that one applicant had to work forty-eight hours clear to pay for his railway fare, which amounted to 2s. 5d.?
(4.) Is he aware that second and third grade men are usually allotted a billet at wood-getting?
(5.) Is this work of a laborious nature?
(6.) Have men been discharged because they could not negotiate the minimum?
(7.) Are the majority of the men employed at this sort of work?
(8.) If not, will he state in what capacity the different grades are employed?
(9.) What are the weekly wages paid in the different grades?
(10.) Is he aware that some of the men start work at 4·30 a.m. and leave at 6·30 p.m., for seven days per week?
(11.) Is it a fact that some of the food supplied to the inmates is not fit for human consumption?
(12.) Is he aware that the sleeping accommodation is defective in consequence of admitting cold draughts?
(13.) Is there only one basin for twelve men to wash in?
(14.) Will he have the dining-room removed and placed in a more suitable position?
(15.) Will he state why there is no medicine allowed?
(16.) Are inmates charged for salts, note paper, ink, &c.?
(17.) If so, will he give instructions that they are provided free of charge?
(18.) Will he cause inquiries to be made why the inmates are not supplied with suits of dungarees when they are admitted?
(19.) Have the inmates the right to petition against any grievance?
(20.) Is there associated within the settlement a medical man; and does he visit the settlement when called upon?
(21.) Are the settlers required to visit Windsor, a distance of 4 miles, in case they need a medical man's attention?
(22.) Is he aware of the fact that a settler died some few months ago, and that no medical man was called in until after death?
(23.) Is it a fact that at the inquest the manager of the farm was foreman of the jury?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—These Questions go into very minute details, and therefore require a minute detailed answer. I propose to lay that answer on the Table in the shape of a return, which is now printed, and will give the utmost information on every point raised. As it would take too long to read it to the House, I would ask the Honorable Member to read it himself first, and then I will lay it on the Table.

(14.) Licensed Victuallers, Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say definitely whether the licensed victuallers are to receive monetary compensation or not for the leases broken by the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This matter has been considered by the Cabinet, and it has been decided that, in the event of a lessee insisting on monetary compensation and actually leaving a house, a Notice of Valuation be issued. Time which has expired since the date of resumption to be taken into account in calculating the compensation to be given.

(15.) Government Revenue and Expenditure in London:—Mr. Davidson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What were the total amounts of receipts and expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund made in London during May and June, 1901?

(2.) What amount was paid into the Bank of England to pay interest due on 1st July, 1901?

(3.) What was the amount so paid charged to the account of 1900–1901?

(4.) What was the revenue and expenditure in London for May and June, 1901, brought into the accounts of 1900–1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The receipts and expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund only, in London, during May and June, 1901, were as follows, viz.:—Receipts, £1,285 1s. 5d.; expenditure, £6,748 6s. 11d.; independently of amount mentioned in No. 2.

(2.) £193,726, payable on 1st July following.

(3 and 4.) The amounts were brought to account in Sydney in the succeeding financial year, the receipts and expenditure of May and June, 1900, on account of the same fund, having been brought to account in 1900–1901, which were as follows:—Receipts, £1,533 16s. 6d.; expenditure, £5,819 3s. 7d. A full twelve months' London transactions are always included in each financial year.

2. Claim of Mr. John Leonard against the Public Works Department:—Mr. Nielsen presented a Petition from John Leonard, of West Wyalong, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. John Leonard against the Works Department, and praying to be represented by counsel, or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed deviation on the Great Western Railway line to avoid the Lithgow Zigzag.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Papers:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Pitt Town Labour Farm.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Appendices Nos. 15 to 22 to the Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Savings Bank Act of 1862.
Question put and passed.

6. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the charging of fees to pupils in the Public Schools.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the charging of fees to pupils in the Public Schools*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd September.

7. Coroners Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coroners Act, 1898, in certain directions.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cohen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coroners Act*, 1898, *in certain directions*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th September.

8. Newspaper Articles Bill (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the true name of the author of a newspaper article shall be prefixed or affixed to the article.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that the true name of the author of a newspaper article shall be prefixed or affixed to the article*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

9. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Anderson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices.
Question put and passed.

10. INTEREST ON CONDITIONAL PURCHASES :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—
(1.) The interest charged upon the unpaid balances on conditional purchases is excessive, and should be reduced to 2½ per cent.
(2.) An amendment of the Lands Act should be made without delay to give effect to the foregoing resolution.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. EXPENDITURE IN EACH ELECTORATE :—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The total amount of money voted by Parliament, and the total amount paid, in each electorate of this State, for roads and bridges for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1901, and the twelve months ending 30th June, 1902, specifying separately the sums expended from the Roads and Bridges Vote, as given in the Schedule, and that given as special grants; and, as far as possible, distinguishing the amounts paid for day labour and contracts in both cases.
(2.) The total amount paid for other public works (exclusive of roads and bridges), in each electorate of this State, for the years ending 30th June, 1901, and 1902 separately, distinguishing, as far as possible, the sums expended by day labour from that of contract.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Affleck, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Clara, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fallick, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Levy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Norton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Wood,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at seventeen minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Australian Ambulance Association:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has an association called the Australian Ambulance applied for a grant; if so, what was the amount of such grant, and when was it paid?
(2.) Has any departmental inquiry been made as to the *bonâ fides* of the association and its manager, Mr. Hubert Page; if so, will he place all papers in connection therewith upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply I gave to a somewhat similar Question asked on the 3rd instant.

(2.) Bookmakers betting outside Randwick and Kensington Racecourses:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that alleged "bookmakers" ply their calling on race-days near the Randwick-course tram stopping-place, and on the "outer" grounds near Kensington, without police interference?
(2.) Will he station plain-clothes constables at the places indicated, in order to prevent these persons from trading with children who congregate there?

Sir John See answered,—The Superintendent of the Metropolitan District reports as follows:—
(1.) Yes, but not with impunity. There were twenty-six or thirty persons prosecuted under a recent by-law, and fined in sums varying from 5s. to 40s. each.
(2.) Plain-clothes and police in uniform are paying every attention to this matter, and owing to the existence of the new by-law, I think the persons referred to will soon leave there altogether.

(3.) Dawes' Point Reserve:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he consider the advisability of vesting Dawes' Point in trustees, so that the work of beautifying the reserve may be at once started?
(2.) When will the military authorities demolish their buildings on the reserve so that the public may have the benefit of the whole place?

Sir John See answered,—As soon as the Military Authorities vacate Dawes' Point, steps will be taken to appoint trustees and otherwise beautify the reserve.

(4.) Employment of Children under Statutory Age:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Who signs the necessary permits for the employment of children under the statutory age limit?
(2.) Could he supply this House with the number of permits allowed Messrs. J. C. Williamson, George Musgrove, and Harry Rickards, respectively, from the 1st June, 1901, to 30th June, 1902?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) The Colonial Secretary.
(2.) Mr. J. C. Williamson, 122; Mr. George Musgrove, 24; Mr. Harry Rickards, 5.

(5.) Law Notices for Newspapers:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it customary for the court officials to send law notices to the newspaper offices; if so, will he see that no distinction is made in the matter?

Sir John See answered,—Yes, and no distinction will be made.

(6.) Creation of a Department of Public Trust:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the maladministration of the estates of deceased persons by trustees, solicitors and others, will the Government consider the advisableness of introducing a Bill to create a Department of Public Trust, framed on the same lines as the legislation at present in force in New Zealand?

Sir John See answered,—This matter has for some time been under consideration, and a Bill dealing with it is being drafted.

(7.) Art Unions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not provided by law that permission must be obtained from the Attorney General before an art union can be legally conducted; and, also, is it not the rule that no greater number of tickets than will cover the value of the articles to be disposed of are permitted to be sold?

(2.) Were not these principles enforced in connection with an application recently made on behalf of the proposed Rylstone Band Art Union?

(3.) Is he aware of the fact that there was conducted at Wyalong recently an art union for a purpose other than that of benefiting a charitable institution, the permission of the Attorney-General for holding same not having been sought; that a prosecution was the result, and that the charge was dismissed, on the ground that "Churches come under the head of charitable "institutions"?

(4.) Has he noted the fact that, giving evidence on the occasion referred to, the local Police Magistrate stated that "he had been one of the most active members of the committee, and had "sold tickets"; and does he consider that it is one of the functions of a Police Magistrate to encourage breaches of the law in this regard?

(5.) Will he procure from the Attorney-General an opinion as to how the matter of raffling is regarded by his Department, whether it is a punishable offence under one set of conditions, and a harmless form of amusement under another?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes; subject to the exceptions in the Statute No. 34 of 1901.

(2.) Yes.

(3, 4, and 5.) Inquiry is being made with regard to these matters.

(8.) Public Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill during the present Session dealing with the Public Service Superannuation Fund?

Sir John See answered,—I have already stated, and it was mentioned in the Governor's Speech, that this matter is receiving the careful attention of the Government. I am very hopeful to be able to introduce a Bill this Session to deal with this important question.

(9.) Employees of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co. appointed to the Public Service:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many employees of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co. have been appointed to the Public Service, and what are their positions?

Sir John See answered,—I am aware of only one, viz., Mr. E. A. P. Whiteley, who has been appointed Commercial Agent for the East.

(10.) Marine Surveyors:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are the marine surveyors of this State (employed in the Government service) periodically examining all vessels or only passenger ships, as before?

Mr. Waddell answered,—All vessels liable to survey under the Navigation Acts are surveyed in accordance with the provisions thereof.

(11.) Public Service:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he instruct the Public Service Board to frame a regulation (as exists in the Railway Department)—"That no more than three members of one family be employed at the one time in the Service"?

Sir John See answered,—This is a very difficult Question for me to answer. If the Public Service Board, or the Railway Commissioners, desire to appoint half-a-dozen members of one family, if they are suitable for the positions, I do not see why they should not do so. It is really a matter over which the Government has no control. If we can get half-a-dozen good men from one family I do not see why they should not be employed. If they are no good, then they should not be appointed.

(12.) Tram Conductors and Drivers Examinations:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are you aware that in the examination for conductors and drivers on the trams severe tests in arithmetic and dictation are put to them?

(2.) Would it not be better to appoint them for their honesty and activity?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I have seen the examination papers, and they do not appear to be too severe. It is necessary that tramway conductors should be qualified in regard to figures, as they deal with cash, &c., and also in regard to English, as they are frequently called upon to make reports.

(2.) These qualifications are also required.

(13.) Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government propose bringing in a Bill to amend the constitution of the Water and Sewerage Board this Session?

Sir John See answered,—I am afraid I shall not be able to deal with this matter at present. I have already given a great deal of consideration to the question of the water supply for the city, and also the question of sewerage; and my honorable friend can take my assurance that I shall not relax my efforts to see that the public are fully provided for in both these respects.

(14.) Carriers Evading the Truck Act:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to prevent certain carriers in Sydney evading the Truck Act by charging exorbitant rent for houses occupied by their employees?

Sir John See answered,—I shall be glad if the honorable gentleman will give me information which will guide me in this matter, and give him my assurance I will deal with it.

(15.) Long-sentenced Prisoners:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he considered, as promised in the last stages of last Session, the advisability of granting remissions to well-conducted long-sentence prisoners as part of the Coronation celebrations?

Sir John See answered,—The matter has been considered by the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, who is not prepared to recommend that special remissions be granted to long-sentenced prisoners as part of the Coronation celebrations.

(16.) Examinations in connection with Mines Inspection Act:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Mines Department to hold all examinations in connection with the Mines Inspection Act in Sydney?
(2.) Is it a fact that in Victoria similar examinations are held by commission at large mining centres?
(3.) Will he arrange for such examinations to be held at Wyalong and other important gold-mining centres of the State?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) No. The Minister has already decided that examinations shall be held in mining centres, as well as in Sydney.
(2.) In Victoria such examinations are only held in mining centres where there is a School of Mines.
(3.) Examinations will be held in any important mining centre where the number of applicants warrants this course.

(17.) Removal of Public Servants' Furniture:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Do public servants have their furniture removed free of expense when shifted to different parts of the State?
(2.) If so, who does the work, and what is the scale of charges?
(3.) Have public tenders been called for the work?
(4.) If not, will he see the advisability of inviting public tenders in the future?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) Yes; when removed in the public interest, or to meet the convenience of the Department, or in the ordinary course of promotion. When transferred on account of misconduct the cost of their conveyance must be borne by the officers concerned, unless otherwise arranged prior to removal.
(2.) There is no fixed contract; quotations are obtained and the lowest price accepted.
(3.) No.
(4.) The conditions of transit are so varied and the necessity for promptitude in removal so great, that I have come to the conclusion that neither the process of inviting public tenders nor arranging for a fixed contract, or contracts, would be practicable. I recently arranged a Conference on this question between representatives from each Government Department. Their report is now in my hands, and I propose to submit it to my colleagues with a view to the adoption of a uniform practice of paying these removal expenses throughout the Service.

(18.) Sydney Cricket Ground Revenue:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How much revenue has been received by the Sydney Cricket Ground during their last financial year from all sources?
(2.) The number of members, and the amount of their total subscriptions?
(3.) What amount of subsidy was received from the Government since the inception of the ground?
(4.) Will he cause a copy of the last balance-sheet to be laid upon the Table of this House?
(5.) What are the conditions of the original grant of the Sydney Cricket Ground?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the balance-sheet, which will probably afford the information which the Honorable Member desires. The ground is self-supporting, and is not subsidised by the Government as other recreation grounds are. An amount of £500 was granted about the year 1876, but nothing has been granted since.

(19.) Arbitration Act Regulations:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware the Arbitration Act was so amended that the regulations were not to become law permanently until the Assembly had an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the same?
(2.) Is he aware that the Printing Committee has decided not to print the regulations as laid upon the Table of this House?
(3.) Will he, under the circumstances, say what he proposes to do, so that Members will be able to see them, to enable them to decide whether they should be altered in any respect or not?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Section 46 of the "Industrial Arbitration Act" provides that "All rules and regulations made "in pursuance of this Act shall be published in the *Gazette*, and shall be laid before both Houses "of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication for approval or amendment, if "Parliament be then sitting; but if not, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of "Parliament; and in such case such rules and regulations shall, in the meantime, be applied "temporarily after publication in the *Gazette*, until Parliament meets, and thereafter shall have "the force of law until Parliament otherwise decides."
(2.) Yes.

(20.)

(20.) Land Sold corner of George-street and Martin-place:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount received for the land sold at the corner of George-street and Martin-place, opposite the Post Office?

(2.) Has the amount received been paid to the credit of a special trust account, towards the redemption of the loan under the Treasury Deficiency Bills Act of 1900, or has it been paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £91,865.

(2.) The amount has been carried to the credit of the General Post Office New Street Resumption Account Suspense Account, and so used in reduction of the cost of the resumptions and of forming Martin-place. This will be seen on reference to the Public Accounts for the financial years 1899–1900 and 1900–1901.

(21.) Railway Construction:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the railway construction, under the Acts Nos. 40, 41, and 42 of 1898, and the Acts Nos. 43, 82, and 85, been carried out; are any of the works in progress, or any completed, and which?

(2.) Have the conditions on which these lines were sanctioned been imposed; if so, in what numbers of the *Government Gazette* were the proclamations advertised?

(3.) If the conditions on which the lines were sanctioned have not been imposed, why has he not imposed the conditions?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Construction under Acts 40 (The Rocks to Green's Gunyah), 41 (Koorawatha to Grenfell), and 42 (Byrock to Brewarrina) of 1898, has been completed. It is presumed that Acts 43, 82, and 85 are for the year 1900—43 (Gundagai to Tumut), 82 (Grafton to Casino), and 85 (Culcairn to Germanton). These lines are still under construction.

(2 and 3.) These are Questions which should be asked of my honorable colleague, the Minister for Lands.

(22.) Men of the New South Wales R.A.A. recommended for Pensions:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were the following men of the New South Wales R.A.A., lately serving in South Africa, recommended for pensions by Colonel Mackenzie and the Military Medical Board:—T. Weaver, E. Coulter, W. Bowman, C. F. Lindsell?

(2.) Is it a fact that such recommendation was dissented from by the Civil Military Board?

(3.) Is there any objection to laying upon the Table of this House all papers referring to the above?

Sir John See answered,—I am not in a position to furnish any information regarding the cases of these soldiers, and would at the same time point out that it is not usual to make public reports of this nature.

(23.) Reclamation Works, Berry's Bay, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that nearly two years ago he authorised the expenditure of a sum of money upon reclamation works at the head of Berry's Bay, North Sydney?

(2.) Is it a fact that he now declines to do the work, urging that it is now under the control of the Harbour Trust?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust decline to carry out this and other reclamation works, on the grounds that that body has no funds for the purpose?

(4.) Will he take steps to carry out all reclamation works authorised previous to the appointment of the Harbour Trust?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I do not decline to do the work now, but the situation is entirely changed, owing to the foreshores of the harbour being vested in the Harbour Trust.

(3.) I am not generally aware of the determination of the Harbour Trust.

(4.) Every case will be dealt with on its merits.

(24.) Sewage Farm, Willoughby Bay, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it is impossible (with present appliances) to properly treat the whole of the sewerage matter conveyed to the Sewage Farm, Willoughby Bay, North Sydney?

(2.) Is it a fact that complaints of sickness in the neighbourhood are becoming serious?

(3.) Will he appoint a special independent authority to report upon the Sewage Farm, with a view to remedy any defects at present existing?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The plant is capable of dealing with the whole of the sewage.

(2.) I am not aware of any sickness in the neighbourhood, and I am advised that it is extremely unlikely that any sickness can arise through the Outfall Works.

(3.) I have every confidence in the officers who have control of these works, and there is no necessity for an independent report.

(25.) Tenders for the North Shore Bridge:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that after the date fixed for the receipt of tenders for the North Shore bridge, and the prices had been made public, a further tender was received; and if so, from whom, and for what amount?

(2.) Will the Government receive any further tenders now that an opportunity has been afforded for altering prices without calling for fresh tenders, open to all competitors?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) A tender of £2,000,000 was received by cable from Messrs. Henning and Hildenbrand, of New York, on the day following the date fixed for the receipt of tenders for the North Shore bridge. No plans accompanied this tender, and it will not receive consideration.

(2.) No.

(26.) Abattoirs at Glebe Island:—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the character and extent of the proposed alterations and improvements to the Abattoirs at Glebe Island?

(2.) What will be the cost of same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I suggest the Honorable Member should seek this information from my honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, in whose Department the Abattoirs are administered.

(27.) Cabmen's and Vanmen's Grievances:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the last deputation to him representing cabmen's and vanmen's grievances?

Sir John See answered,—Yes; in the course of a few days.

(28.) Government Savings Bank Officers:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Public Service Board be prepared to announce the result of the inquiry made by them in January last for the purpose of regrading the officers of the Government Savings Bank?

Sir John See answered,—Owing to the transfer of the Government Savings Bank from the Postal Department to that of the Treasury, further inquiry by the Board is necessary before the officers of that Department can be regraded, and this work it is proposed to undertake immediately.

(29.) Official Records of New South Wales:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) For what reason has it been determined that the transcription and publication of the Official Records of New South Wales shall be discontinued?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that this State will lack much very valuable information relating to its growth and progress unless the records, down to the period when Responsible Government was inaugurated, are copied by some competent person and published?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of their discontinuance.

(2.) The advantages derivable from the work are not, in my opinion, commensurate with the expenditure involved. The total outlay up to August, 1900, was nearly £13,000, and a large portion of the matter furnished is useless.

(30.) Land and Income Taxes paid by Federal Officials resident of the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have all officers resident in this State, who are in the Federal Service, paid, to the New South Wales Treasury, income tax or land tax or both, as the case may be, since the inauguration of Federation?

(2.) If not, how many are liable (*a*) for income tax; (*b*) for land tax; (*c*) for both; and of this number how many have met their obligations?

(3.) What is the total, if any, of taxes of this character due by such Federal officials?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The detailed information asked for by the Honorable Member is not available, and its preparation would take some time. The Commissioners of Taxation state, however, that in the case of land tax on lands situate in New South Wales, there cannot be any question raised as to the liability of a federal officer to pay such tax on the ground only that he is exempt from land tax by holding a post in the Federal Service. In the case of income tax, assessments have been made against all Federal officers resident in this State, who by reason of the amount of their income only would be liable to be assessed, and in the majority of cases the taxes have been paid. In some instances payment was made under protest, or pending hearing of appeals lodged, claiming exemption by reason of the fact that the person was employed by the Federal Government. Wherever payment has not been made, proceedings for recovery of the amount owing under an assessment have been, or will be, duly instituted, as in the case of any other person who has been assessed and has failed to pay.

(31.) Parliament House:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the cost incurred each year, for the past ten years, in the renovation of Parliament House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return showing the expenditure on the Parliamentary buildings from the 1st January, 1891, to the 30th June, 1902. It amounts to £35,000; but the expenditure has made this historic old building the most comfortable Parliament House in Australasia.

(32.) Collaroy Station Exchange:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How does the matter of the Collaroy Station exchange now stand?

(2.) If not yet completed, when will it be so?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The exchange has been completed. Disposal of the surrender lands is being proceeded with as follows:—Portion 14 of 45 acres, parish of Killoe, is to be set apart, with adjoining Crown lands, for homestead selection. Portion 48, parish of Boggabri, and portion 200, parish of Killoe, are proposed for homestead selection. Portions 3 and 4 of 80 acres, parish of Munmurra, are proposed for disposal in conjunction with adjoining Crown land of an area of 1,200 acres. A question has arisen with regard to the remaining area, viz.:—Portion 6 of 40 acres, parish of Berenberry, portion 14 of 40 acres, parish of Munmurra, and 1 of 40 acres, and 13 of 40 acres, parish of Tongo, a question on which the District Surveyor has been asked to report. None of the surrender lands have so far been declared Crown lands.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NOXIOUS ANIMALS:—Mr. Alexander Campbell presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that this State and Australia have few native pests; that Petitioners suffer much annoyance and loss from pests which have been imported from other countries, and praying for legislation to confine importations to the male kind, and then only for show purposes.
Petition received.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—Mr. Mackenzie presented a Petition signed by the Acting Mayor and the Council Clerk of the Municipal District of Strathfield, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
Return respecting the Expenditure on the Parliamentary Buildings, from 1st January, 1891, to 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the year ended 30th September, 1901.
(2.) Reports respecting law notices sent by Court officials to newspaper offices.
(3.) Return showing amount of fines paid into the City Police Courts for certain offences.
(4.) Return to an Order, made on the 25th June, 1902,—"Committal of Elizabeth Smith, of "Cook Hill, Newcastle, to Gladesville Asylum."
(5.) Return showing the total amount of counsel's fees in cases decided by the Courts relating to the Rocks and Darling Harbour resumptions.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to the Library Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.

6. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on 8th July, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Savings Bank Act of* 1862,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 9th September.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Stage-carriages Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 9th September.

8. AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Borough of Drummoyne Loan Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of £14,000 to pay off certain loans, and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, *9th July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Timber Licenses Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Act of* 1884 *in respect of timber licenses under that Act*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, *9th July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(3.) Whitney Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of the will of the late William Franklin Whitney to sell, give credit on sales, mortgage, partition, divide, exchange, lease, grant mining leases, make applications under the Mining on Private Lands Acts, and make applications to bring land under the Real Property Act; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(4.) Legitimation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law by making provision for the legitimation of children born before marriage on the subsequent marriage of their parents.*"

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Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(5.) Arrest on Mesne Process Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to arrest on mesne process,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(6.) Arbitration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to arbitration,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(7.) Justices Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Magistrates and Justices of the Peace; to proceedings before, and in the nature of appeal from, and to proceedings against, such magistrates and justices; and to other matters in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(8.) Public Health Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Public Health and the prevention of the spread of disease,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(9.) Public Service Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the better regulation of the Public Service,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(10.) Constitution Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(11.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Parliamentary electorates and elections*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(12.) Billiards and Bagatelle Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the keeping of billiard tables and bagatelle boards*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(13.) Standard Time Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the establishment of a standard of time in the State of New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(14.) Usury, Bills of Lading, and Written Memoranda Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to usury, interest, and to certain instruments and contracts*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(15.) General Legal Procedure Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to legal procedure*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(16.) Sydney Corporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(17.) Width of Streets and Lanes Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of the width of streets and lanes, and certain other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(18.) Public Parks Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for the better regulation and protection of public parks or places of public recreation, and of lands dedicated, purchased, or resumed for public purposes; for bringing certain lands within the operation of such enactments; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(19.) Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the slaughtering of cattle, the destruction of animals dying of disease, and diseased animals and meat*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(20.) Sydney Abattoir and Nuisances Prevention Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a Public Abattoir or place for the slaughtering of cattle for the city of Sydney, and to the licensing of slaughter-houses within the city and suburbs of Sydney, and for the prevention of other nuisances within the same*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(21.) Sydney Mint Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Mint*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(22.) Labour Settlement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and regulation of Labour Settlements on Crown Lands*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(23.) Agricultural Society Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions, and the suspension of all rights of common in respect of such land*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(24.) Dedication by User Limitation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to dedication by user*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(25.) Supreme Court Trust Moneys Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to moneys in charge of officers of the Supreme Court*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(26.) Children's Protection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments providing for the protection of children in certain cases*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(27.) Common Carriers Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the rights and liabilities of common carriers by land*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(28.) Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to life, fire, and marine insurance*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(29.) Butchers' Shops Sunday Closing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the closing of butchers' shops on Sundays*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(30.) Water Rights Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to water rights*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(31.) Prince Alfred Hospital Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the Prince Alfred Hospital*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(32.) Savings Bank of New South Wales Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Savings Bank of New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(33.) Survey Marks Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to survey marks, official landmarks, and beacons*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(34.) Hay Irrigation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conserving and utilising of water for irrigation in the Land District of Hay*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(35.) Agreements Validating Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the validity of agreements made elsewhere for personal service in New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(36.) Masters and Servants Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to masters and servants*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney 9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(37.) Sydney Female School of Industry Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Female School of Industry*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *9th July*, 1902. W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(38.) Australian Museum Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the incorporation and endowment of the Australian Museum*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 9th Sydney, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(39.) Maitland Cattle-driving Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of cattle-driving through the towns of East and West Maitland*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(40.) Dividing Fences Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the dividing fences of adjoining lands*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(41.) Innkeepers Liability Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments respecting the liability of innkeepers*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(42.) Poisons Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the sale and use of poisons*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(43.) Pawnbrokers Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the trade or business of pawnbrokers in New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(44.) Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for making more effectual provision for paving certain streets of the city of Newcastle, and for the licensing and regulation of public vehicles within the said city*,"—present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(45.) Trustees of Schools of Arts Enabling Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for enabling the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; for providing for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

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Deputy-President.

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(46.) Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to grants of public money in aid of public worship,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

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Deputy-President.

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(47.) Women's College Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and endowment of the College for Women within the University of Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
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(48.) Government Savings Bank Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Government Savings Bank,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

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Deputy-President.

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(49.) Vagrancy Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the prevention of vagrancy,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

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(50.) Fines and Forfeited Recognizances Recovery Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the recovery of fines imposed by Courts of Quarter Sessions, the Sheriff, or Coroners, and of recognizances forfeited before such Courts, or before Justices of the Peace,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Deputy-President.

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(51.) Petty Sessions Fees Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the fees to be taken and demanded by clerks of Courts of Petty Sessions and the police offices,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Deputy-President.

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(52.) Piracy Punishment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the punishment for piracy*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

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(53.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of coal-mines and collieries*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

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(54.) Government Railways (Fencing) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments amending section eighty-four of the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fencing along certain lines of railway, and the enactments permitting the construction of certain lines of railway on, along, or by the side of public roads*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

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(55.) Smoke Nuisance Abatement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for abating the nuisance arising from the smoke of furnaces*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

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(56.) Balranald Irrigation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conservation and utilisation of water for irrigation for the municipality of Balranald*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

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(57.) Inscribed Stock Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts authorising the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and making provisions auxiliary thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
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(58.) Fire Brigades Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to making provision for the protection of life and property from fire*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(59.) Public Loans Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to public loans*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(60.) Noxious Trades Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the carrying on of noxious trades*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 *JULY*, 1902.

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

MOORE ESTATE ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 65.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the powers given by the Moore Estate Act of* 1879 *and the Moore Estate Amendment Act of* 1886, *and to provide for the receipt, investment, and disposal of the proceeds of the resumption of certain lands, and in other respects to amend the said Acts*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th July, 1902.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor-General under the directions contained in the 23rd section of the Audit Act, 1898,—
(*a*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Head Office, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Petty Sessions, Contingencies,—Department of the Attorney-General and "of Justice."
(*b*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Public Works Revenue, Miscellaneous, "Schedule D," to supplement the Vote "Police Department Revenue Vote, Contingencies, "1901–2."
(*c*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Colonial Secretary, Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Freight, Insurance, &c."
(*d*) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Prothonotary, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Probate and Intestate Estates Office, Contingencies."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. QUESTIONS:—
(1.) Roads near Reclamation Works, Neutral Bay:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Was a sum of £3,000 authorised some years ago for the construction of a road around reclamation works at Neutral Bay?
(2.) Did he, some time ago, promise the North Sydney aldermen to provide a road of access connecting Careening Cove with Neutral Bay reclamation, and to otherwise improve same?
(3.) Will he take steps to have any money authorised to be expended on this work so expended?
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) I am not aware that such sum was ever voted for this purpose.
(2.) I believe a verbal promise was made, but the work is not urgent, and it must stand aside until more pressing matters are attended to. It will then be taken in hand.

(2.) Subway for Pedestrian Traffic, Circular Quay:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he propose to carry out the work of a subway for pedestrian traffic at the Circular Quay, promised some time ago?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The design for this work will shortly be put in hand; but there is, however, a great difference of opinion on the matter, and I am informed that if the subway is constructed it will not be much utilised, as the people are now accustomed to the trams, and there have been no accidents at the Circular Quay in connection with them.

(3.) Steam Mail Service between this State and Vancouver:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the sum or bonus proposed by the Honorable Joseph Cook in a resolution moved by him on the 18th December, 1895, when holding the position of Postmaster-General, in order to establish a steam mail service between here and Vancouver?

Sir John See answered,—£10,000 per annum for three years from May, 1896.

(4.) Memorial Pavilions, Prince Alfred Hospital:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the new Memorial Pavilions at Prince Alfred Hospital, will he state—

(1.) What amount has been spent upon the foundations of the new pavilions to date?

(2.) What is the departmental estimate for each of the two pavilions for which tenders were called?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £3,396 18s. 5d.

(2.) The departmental estimate is £29,000 for each of the pavilions; but in view of good wages, increased cost of materials, and tariff charges, it is possible that this amount may be exceeded.

(5.) Land Tax Assessment Bill:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended by the Government to proceed this Session with the Bill submitted to the late Parliament amending the Land Tax Assessment Bill, so as to more clearly define the liability of lessees of land in respect to land value taxation?

Sir John See answered,—No; it is not the intention of the Government to proceed with the Bill referred to, but if the course of business will permit, I hope this Session to introduce a measure dealing with the matter.

(6.) S.S. "Quiraing":—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the registered tonnage of s.s. "Quiraing," now overdue at New Zealand from Newcastle?

(2.) In what year was she built?

(3.) How many tons of coal had she on board when leaving Newcastle?

(4.) How many officers did she carry, and their positions?

(5.) When was she surveyed last?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) 653 tons.

(2.) 1882; at Glasgow.

(3.) 814 tons of coal.

(4.) Master and five officers, namely:—First mate, second mate, chief engineer, second engineer, and third engineer.

(5.) On the 25th February, 1902.

(7.) Sydney Cricket Ground Rules and Regulations:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the rules and regulations of the ground now known as the Sydney Cricket Ground?

(2.) Is it a fact that only two balance-sheets have been laid upon the Table of this House since 1895?

(3.) If there were more than two balance-sheets, will he state how many, and the dates they were laid upon the Table of this House?

(4.) Is it a fact that over £100,000 has been spent by the Trust on this ground?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) I will communicate with the trustees on the subject.

(2 and 3.) Although the trustees are under no obligation to submit their balance-sheets, they have made it a practice to do so. A copy of the last balance-sheet was laid upon the Table of this House last night.

(4.) Yes; but I would like to point out that none of this money has been contributed by the State. An amount of £500 was voted in 1876, but this money was spent, not on the ground itself, but on approaches to the ground.

(8.) Gunnamatta Bay:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Gunnamatta Bay is to be converted into a hatchery by the Fisheries Commissioners?

(2.) Is he aware that the general public have certain rights and privileges on the foreshores of the said bay?

(3.) Is he also aware that certain Crown lands were sold by public auction in that vicinity chiefly through the attraction of Gunnamatta Bay for fishing and boating purposes, and that the Government would practically be guilty of a breach of faith to purchasers, many of whom have already become residents in that locality?

(4.) As there are other waters in the immediate neighbourhood equally well suited for the purposes of a hatchery, would he consider whether, by utilising any other than Gunnamatta Bay, no infringement of public rights would be committed?

(5.) Will he take the necessary steps to prevent the Fisheries Commissioners from in any way interfering with the rights and privileges of the public in every respect with regard to the said bay?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the Commissioners of Fisheries have no intention of erecting a hatchery at Gunnamatta Bay. Wire-netting enclosures are, however, being erected, fronting T. Holt's portion No. 50, of 133 acres 3 roods, at Port Hacking, between Turriell and Burraneer Bays, with the approval of the owners of the land, for the reception of the shipment of English fish, lobsters, and crabs now on their way from England.

(9.) Hospitals for Insane Employees, Parramatta:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many male persons have been employed to attend upon the inmates of the Hospitals for Insane in Parramatta since October, 1900, till 30th June, 1902?
(2.) The number actually permanently or temporarily employed in the hospitals?
(3.) The number that have been retired, dismissed, or have resigned during the same term?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(10.) Appointment of Lady Teachers to South Africa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) How many applications were received from ladies connected with the Department of Public Instruction for appointment as teachers for South Africa?
(2.) Has the final selection been made, and have the chosen sixteen been informed that they will possess no claim to reinstatement if they return to the State?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) Eighty-nine.
(2.) Yes. Seven only of those selected from New South Wales are at present employed in the Department. I have caused them to be informed that no offer of re-employment can be made to them on their return, and I have required them to send in their resignations before leaving.

(11.) Improvement Lease at the head of the Colo River:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has an improvement lease been granted in connection with any area of land extending from the head of the Colo River into the Rylstone electorate; and if it has, what is the extent of the area involved, and what are the conditions under which it is held?

Mr. Bennett answered,—No; but an inferior lands lease of about 61,000 acres has been granted to Messrs. Roberts and Gregory for a term of twenty years, with a view to the lands being used only for the acclimatisation of scrub-eating animals of the deer species. The land is within the electoral districts of Hawkesbury and Hartley, the bulk of the land being within the Hawkesbury electorate. Conditions have been attached to the lease providing for an expenditure by the lessees of £500 in connection with the acclimatisation of animals of the class referred to; and also for enclosing the land occupied by the animals, with a substantial and effective fence. The Crown reserves the right to withdraw the land from lease, should it be required for mining or any public purpose, purposes of settlement, or forestry purposes. The lessees cannot sublet without permission of the Minister.

(12.) Reclamation Area Granted to the Mort's Dock Company, Woolwich:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he inform the House how far the Harbour Trust is responsible for the granting of a large reclamation of area to the Mort's Dock Company at Woolwich, Parramatta River?
(2.) Will he further inform the House as to the granting of a lease of certain wharf property and portions of Rocks resumption at Miller's Point, to Dalgety and Company, without competition?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust have furnished the following information:—
(1.) The right to reclaim nearly the whole of the area in question was granted to the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) before the inception of the Trust. Application was made for an extension of the area, and after due inquiry the application was granted subject to a modification of the western boundary line and the payment of wharfage and tonnage dues.
(2.) Messrs. Dalgety and Company were the lessees of the property in question at the time of resumption by the Government, and in order to accommodate the ships of the White Star line, which it was absolutely necessary to remove from Circular Quay, the Commissioners arranged a lease with that firm, on terms advantageous to the State. It is the policy of the Commissioners to give persons in occupation the first refusal of the lease of premises, for the purpose of reducing the claim made under the Act for disturbance of business.

(13.) Dismissal of Officials from the Free Public Library:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Edward Hawley, John Fox, Charles Alexander, and Thomas Warden were some time ago dismissed from the Free Public Library?
(2.) Is it a fact that these men were dismissed for reporting that the Librarian had removed certain furniture, the property of the State, to his private residence for his own use; and if so, did he, and under what circumstances?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board, upon inquiry, decided that these men, as State employees, had no right to report their superior officer for what might be practically called stealing?
(4.) Did the Minister some time ago promise to consult the Public Service Board about reinstating some of the men into other departments?
(5.) Is it a fact that one of these men (Alexander) has lately died, leaving a family in poverty, and will he take steps to make provision for the family of Alexander and others interested in the matter?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) No. They were retired on gratuities.
(2.) See answer to No. 1.
(3.) It is not the fact.
(4.) Yes.
(5.) I believe Alexander died recently, but his family will get the statutory gratuity.

(14.) Police Uniform :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the new issue of uniform been made to the police in the southern districts of the State?
(2.) If not, will he see that warmer clothing is issued at once, so that the men may receive the benefit of it before the coldest part of the winter sets in?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—No; the issue of winter uniform clothing to the police generally throughout the State is now being made, and will be completed within the next ten days.

(15.) Sydney Cricket Ground Charges :—Mr. Meagher asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What terms were asked by the trustees for use of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the inter-state football match on the 12th instant?
(2.) Is it a fact that the terms demanded were so exorbitant that the Football Union declined to take the ground, and have now arranged for use of the University Oval?
(3.) What is the number of paid-up members for season ending 30th September next?
(4.) What is the total amount of subscriptions paid by members for season ending 30th September next?
(5.) Seeing the large body of members and the amount of money paid in subscriptions, and that it is the only body in the State where members have no voice in its management, will he consider the advisability of allowing the members to elect annually two of their body to the Trust?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1 and 2.) My honorable colleague understands that 20 per cent. of the gross receipts were asked for, and that these terms have been previously arranged in similar circumstances.
(3.) 2,936 up to date.
(4.) £5,392 5s. 6d. up to date.
(5.) The law which governs the matter does not provide for such an arrangement as the Honorable Member suggests.

(16.) Stone supplied to the Government from Paradise and Purgatory Quarries :—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the price paid for stone per cubic foot in the rough, supplied to the Government from the Paradise Quarry, Pyrmont?
(2.) Will he supply the same information as regards stone supplied to the Government from Purgatory Quarry, Pyrmont?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) 1s. 6d. per foot, including the use of shed, travellers, cartage from quarry to shed and, after working, from shed to building; also office and other conveniences.
(2.) 1s. 2½d.

(17.) Proclamations Advertised under the Government Railways Acts :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Have the conditions on which the Railway Acts Nos. 40, 41, and 42 of 1898, and the Acts Nos. 43, 82, and 85 of 1900 been complied with; if so, in what numbers of the *Government Gazette* were the proclamations advertised?
(2.) If the conditions on which the lines were sanctioned have not been imposed, why have they not been imposed?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague understands that the Works Department issued notifications in the *Gazettes* of the following dates :—21st March, 1899, No. 231, folio 2312, under the Act No. 40, 1898; 21st March, 1899, No. 231, folio 2312, under Act No. 41, 1898; 23rd March, 1899, No. 240, folio 2383, under the Act No. 42 of 1898; 23rd June, 1901, No. 549, folios 4995–6, under the Act No. 82 of 1900. Notifications have not yet been published in respect of the Acts Nos. 82 and 85 of 1900.

(18.) Coroner's Inquests at Hotels :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisability of placing in his Amending Licensing Bill a clause prohibiting the holding of coroner's inquests at hotels in large centres of population?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The matter will receive my consideration.

(19.) Glebe Abattoirs :—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What are the character and extent of the proposed alterations and improvements to the Abattoir at Glebe Island.
(2.) What will be the cost of same?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Provision of hot-water service to slaughter-houses on the south side of Abattoir-road; accommodation and shelter for storage of skins and offal on the north side of that road; provision of closet accommodation.
(2.) £767.

(20.) Sydney Cricket Ground :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the original grant to the Sydney Cricket Ground?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Yes.

(21.) Railway Hoardings :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that the railway platforms at Rockdale, and other stations on the Southern, Western, and Northern lines, are disfigured by unsightly hoardings?
(2.) Has his attention been called to the fact that huge and unsightly hoardings have been erected along the railway lines for the purpose of advertising thereon, in addition to such advertisements upon the railway platforms?

(3.) Is it a fact that such hoardings shut out the view of the residents and travellers along the line, and are calculated to reduce the value of residential properties; if so, is it contemplated to compensate the owners of such properties for depreciation of their properties?
(4.) What was the total amount received by the Railway Commissioners for advertisements on the lines during the years 1900, 1901, and 1902?
(5.) What was the cost of obtaining such advertisements, including the cost of administering the department dealing with such branch?
(6.) In view of the small revenue derived, is it intended to remove the unsightly hoardings when existing contracts expire?
(7.) For what periods have the various contracts been entered into, and when will such contracts expire?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It would be more convenient if the Honorable Member would move for the information in the form of a return. There will be no objection to supply it.

(22.) Houses in Sydney occupied by Chinese and Cingalese, &c.:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has the Board of Health any data showing (*a*) the number of houses in Sydney occupied by Chinese; (*b*) the number of residents in each house; (*c*) the streets in which such houses are situated; (*d*) the names of the occupiers and owners of such houses?
(2.) If so, will he be good enough to furnish a report to this House giving the desired information?
(3.) If not, will he call upon the Board of Health to institute such an inquiry, with a view to furnishing this House with the desired information?
(4.) Are the conditions, so far as sanitation is concerned (as laid down in the various Acts dealing with the Public Health), carried out in connection with such places?
(5.) If not, why not?
(6.) Will he take immediate steps to see that the law is enforced, in order to preserve public health?
(7.) Is the existing law sufficient to cope with such cases; if not, will he be good enough to immediately introduce a Bill dealing with the question?
(8.) Will he furnish this House with similar information regarding houses occupied by Cingalese and other coloured races?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1, 2, and 3.) The Board of Health, not being a local authority charged with executive duties, is not the depository of such information; but most of it should stand on record concerning all premises within each district in the books of the several local authorities, as a necessary means of enabling them to duly discharge the duties imposed on them by the Public Health Act, 1896.
(4, 5, and 6.) I have directed the President to procure from the local authorities, under the Public Health Act in the Metropolitan registration district, such information as they can furnish; but there is no health law which deals with the dwellings occupied by Chinese and Asiatics as distinguished from whites. Local authorities are charged by the Public Health Act, 1896, with the duty of seeing that all premises within their jurisdiction are kept in a sanitary state, more especially under Part IV, Common Lodging Houses; Part V, Building Areas and Buildings; and Part VI, Nuisances. There are many districts in which the law is not steadily and efficiently executed by local authorities.
(7 and 8.) I am informed that the powers conferred on local authorities by the Public Health Act, 1896, are sufficient to procure great improvement in the state of things actually existing; but during the six years it has been in force, defects in its administrative machinery have come to light, which it is proposed to amend in a Bill which has been prepared, and which will be introduced during the current Session, if possible.

(23.) Licenses Issued to Indian Hawkers:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many licenses have been issued to Indian hawkers?
(2.) Is he aware that a large number of these persons are imported under contract, and sent out to travel as hawkers by Indian merchants?
(3.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is experienced in the country districts through the actions of these hawkers, and that women and children are frightened into purchasing goods from such hawkers?
(4.) Was a report furnished by the Stipendiary Magistrate against the granting of licenses to Indian hawkers; if so, what action was taken with regard to such report?
(5.) If no action was taken, will he take steps to have definite action taken immediately?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) This information can be supplied only after reference to all the Courts of Petty Sessions throughout the State. Inquiry is now being made as to the number of licenses issued to persons not naturalized, and when it is received the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice will communicate it to the Honorable Member.
(2, 3, and 4.) I beg to invite the Honorable Member's attention to replies given to his Questions of 6th September, 1898, and 22nd February, 1899, on these matters.
(5.) The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has the matter of the issue of hawkers' licenses to aliens now under consideration.

(24.) Stabbing Affray in a Chinese Gambling House:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to a recent case, reported in the public Press, in reference to a stabbing affray in a Chinese gambling house; if so, has action been taken by the police for the prosecution of the persons keeping such gambling house?
(2.) How many houses are there in Sydney kept by Chinese; (*a*) what streets are they situated in; (*b*) the names of occupiers and owners of such premises?
(3.) How many of the houses occupied by Chinese and Cingalese are used for gambling purposes and as opium dens?

(4.)

(4.) Have the police compiled such information; if not, why not?
(5.) Does the existing law give the police power to prosecute keepers of such gambling houses and opium dens; if not, will he be good enough to introduce a measure giving sufficient power for the police to deal with these cases?
(6.) In how many cases have the police instituted proceedings against the owners of such houses?
(7.) Does he intend to institute proceedings in connection with keepers of such places; if not, why not?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) A Cingalese named Walter Henry Bastion was arrested for inflicting grievous bodily harm on one Spencer McKnight, at 55, Goulburn-street, a shop the proprietor of which is a Chinese.
(2, 3, and 4.) As it would take some time to collect this information, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the ordinary way.
(5.) Yes; for gambling, but not for opium smoking.
(6.) Six, during the last six months.
(7.) Yes; in every case where the necessary evidence can be obtained, prosecutions will follow.

(25.) Taxation Department Appeals:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Public Service Board requested the Commissioners of Taxation to make known to certain officers of their Department the result of their recent appeals against grading; if so, when?

Sir John See answered,—A memorandum was forwarded by the Public Service Board on the 2nd July to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, as permanent Head of the Department, asking him to notify the officers concerned of the result of their appeals. I have ascertained that the Public Service Board's memorandum was sent on to the Taxation Commissioners.

(26.) Regulations under the Arbitration Act:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware the Printing Committee has decided not to print the regulations under the Arbitration Act, as laid upon the Table of this House?
(2.) Will he, under these circumstances, say what he proposes to do, so that Members will be able to see them, to enable them to decide whether they should be altered in any respect or not?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) I will consult with the Chairman of the Printing Committee.

4. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) By Mr. Edden,—From Thomas Robson, junior, Mayor, and Robert Simpson, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Merewether.
(2.) By Mr. Moore,—From Henry Miller, Mayor, and W. E. Wearne, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Bingara.
Petitions received.

5. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly Returns of Accidents."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Locomotive Water Supply at Barber's Creek.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Servants Registry Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

8. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "necessity for the repeal of the oppressive laws relating to Sunday trading, in so far as they relate "to the rational enjoyment of the public."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Meagher moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Jessep invited Mr. Speaker's attention to Mr. Levy's Notice of Motion, No. 1, on the Business Paper for to-day, and submitted that it was substantially the same as this. If a discussion were allowed upon this motion it would anticipate that upon Mr. Levy's Notice.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that he had read both Notices, and in his opinion they would practically raise the same debate. He, therefore, ruled this motion out of order.

9. Audit Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 *JULY*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Borough of Drummoyne Loan Enabling Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 66.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Borough of Drummoyne to borrow a sum of* £14,000 *to pay off certain loans, and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11*th July*, 1902.

(2.) Timber Licenses Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 67.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Act of* 1884 *in respect of timber licenses under that Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12*th July*, 1902.

2. VINES AND VEGETATION DISEASES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 68.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8*th July*, 1902.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Rentals of Property in the Resumed Area:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Power, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have in nearly all their residential properties increased the rents 20 per cent. over what the private owners were charging the tenants?

(2.) Is he aware that scores of tenements are empty in West Sydney owing to the action of the Trust, thereby losing large revenue to the Government; also that the windows and doors being closed with old galvanized iron are an eyesore?
(3.) Is he further aware that a very large number of houses have been pulled down, comprising whole streets, and this most valuable resumed property left bare, without bringing any revenue into the State?
(4.) Will he advise the Commissioners, under these circumstances, that the houses be rebuilt (where the Trust do not require the land for other purposes), so that shopkeepers, waterside workers, and others may be reinstated to their original quarters?
(5.) Is it a fact that the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have expressed a wish to get rid of all the workers in the resumed area, and is the said increased rentals one of the coercive measures for that purpose; and have a number of tenants given notice to leave owing to the increased rents?
(6.) Is the Sydney Harbour Trust in a financial position to start rebuilding; and, if not, will he make such provision as to enable them to carry out such necessary works?
(7.) In how many cases has the Sydney Harbour Trust put in bailiffs, ejected the tenants, closed up the premises, and have not subsequently relet same?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) This is not the case.
(2.) Out of 554 houses, and houses and shops combined, vested in the Trust, twenty-six are to-day vacant; but of these, seven are let, and will be occupied on completion of repairs.
(3 and 4.) In no cases have houses been pulled down, except when they were unfit for habitation and not worth repair, or when the site was required for other purposes.
(5.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners have no wish to get rid of the workers, and have not used any coercive measures for that purpose, nor, as far as they are aware, are any tenants leaving on account of increased rents.
(6.) Yes; where desirable.
(7.) None.

(2.) Destitutes' Home, Lower Fort street:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Who has control of the Destitutes' Home, Lower Fort street?
(2.) Is he aware that weekly tickets are issued by the manager, and only given to a favoured few, while many deserving men are turned away nightly?
(3.) Will he give instructions for the Home to be kept open all night?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) It is presumed that the Night Shelter is referred to; if so, it is controlled by the Labour Commissioners.
(2.) I am informed that such is not a fact. It has unfortunately happened that a number of men have been refused admission owing to want of room; but the accommodation having now been doubled, no one, excepting objectionable characters, will be refused admission in future.
(3.) The shelter has always been open all night; but, of course, when full, no more could be admitted.

(3.) Extension of the Belmore Railway:—*Mr. Moxham*, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) When does he intend to carry out the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to extend the Belmore Railway to Chapel-road?
(2.) When is the railway on the same route likely to be extended to Liverpool?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I cannot state definitely, as the railway policy of the Government for this Session has not yet been determined.

(4.) Construction of a Weir, George's River:—*Mr. Moxham*, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In consequence of the great suffering caused to the residents on George's River by the drought, when is it the intention of the Secretary for Public Works to construct a weir, which has been prayed for by the residents for such a long period?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—One of the principal engineers of the Department advises that if the construction of this weir be carried out, in course of time silting will take place, both above and below the weir, which will seriously interfere with navigation, and cause a constant expenditure for dredging. Under these circumstances, the Honorable Member will see that it is a serious matter to decide at once upon such a work.

(5.) Electric Tram Cars:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In view of the very great inconvenience experienced by the travelling public, owing to the frequent overcrowding in the small bogie combination electric tram cars, will he confer with the Commissioners for Railways with the view of having the seat accommodation altered on either end of these cars, so that where they now seat eight passengers, by putting the seats across the car they will carry double the number?
(2.) When is it the intention of the Department to introduce the new design of car for traffic, promised by the Colonial Treasurer on 11th December, 1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I shall be glad to bring the matter under the notice of the Railway Commissioners.
(2.) Two of this class of car have been in traffic for some three months, and a number are being built, some of which will shortly be in traffic.

(6.) The Study of Shakespeare by School Children :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has the Department prescribed for 1902 the study by 5th-class pupils of Shakespeare's Henry V, and are copies in book form of the play supplied pupils for home study?

(2.) Have any instructions been issued to teachers to expurgate what are by them deemed "obnoxious passages"?

(3.) Is he aware of the fact that if no such instructions have been issued, some teachers at least have voluntarily undertaken to pose as literary censors by, in one case, carefully pasting together the pages containing nearly the whole of Act II, Scene 1, and, in another, of actually cutting out of the book the upper portions of pages 35 and 36, containing the termination of Scene 2, Act III?

Mr. Perry answered,—No. The book was prescribed by the University authorities for study by all candidates attending the last Junior Examination, and was necessarily studied by 5th-class pupils in our schools during the year ending June last. The edition used was Blackie's, which was specially prepared for similar examinations in England. No instructions were issued to teachers, who are expected to have the sense to avoid passages deemed objectionable.

(7.) Timber Regulations :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the newspaper reports, and to complaints by telegrams and letters submitted by Mr. Briner, indicating great and general dissatisfaction on account of the new timber regulations, and particularly those dealing with royalties and the fixing of depôts for measurement?

(2.) Is he aware that in some of the most important timber districts, such as the Nambucca, Bellinger, Coff's Harbour, Woolgoolga, and Macleay, timber-getters are abandoning the industry because they complain that under the new regulations they can no longer earn even a moderate living by timber-getting?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of sending some responsible person, who has a knowledge of the industry, to the districts named to make full inquiries and to collect all possible evidence, with a view to having the whole matter reorganised and the industry placed on a more equitable and satisfactory basis?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) My honorable colleague hardly thinks the necessity exists for this at present. He noticed a report from Bellingen, which appears in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 14th July instant, to the effect that general satisfaction is expressed at the reduction of the timber-getters' licenses and the abolition of regulation 13. In the past four weeks Ellis' saw-mills—the largest on the coast—worked full time, turning out 70,000 feet of sawn timber weekly. A large quantity of sawn pine is arriving from Dorrigo, where four mills will be at work shortly.

(8.) Members of the Board for Export :—*Mr. Moxham*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Who are the members of the Board for Export?

(2.) What are the dates of their appointments?

(3.) Are there any fees payable to the members of the Board?

(4.) If so, will he inform the House what is the total amount of fees received by each member?

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

(9.) Lighthouse, Crookhaven Heads :—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the plans prepared for the new lighthouse at Crookhaven Heads?

(2.) If so, when will the work be carried out?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) As soon as funds are provided, a sum of £2,200 will be noted for consideration on the next Estimates.

(10.) Candidates for Railway Employment :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Why is the question of height considered in selecting the candidates for employment on the railways?

(2.) Is it not considered that the small men are much more active and useful?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Railway Commissioners point out that it is important that a minimum standard should be laid down where the staff have to deal with the public, and 5 feet 6 inches has been taken.

(2.) The arrangement has been in force for many years, and found to work well.

(11.) Storm-waters between Redfern and Darlington :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans and report be ready in reference to carrying off the storm-waters from the low-lying lands between Redfern and Darlington?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The survey in connection with this work is nearly completed. The plans and estimates, with a report, are expected to be ready in a fortnight.

(12.) Promotion in the Police Force :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that promotion in the Police Force is more readily granted to public-house and totalisator catchers than to those men who arrest dangerous criminals and protect the lives and property of the citizens?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that such is not the fact.

(13.) Stone supplied to the Government from Paradise and Purgatory Quarries:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the difference between the cost of working stone supplied from the Paradise quarry and that supplied from the Purgatory quarry?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The difference between the cost of working stone supplied from the Paradise quarry and that supplied from the Purgatory quarry is dependent upon the amount of labour to be applied to the stone, and varies from 1d. per foot for plain work, say, in foundations, to considerably more in work upon which much labour is necessary.

(14.) Sewerage Bill for Parramatta:—Mr. Moxham asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to introduce the Sewerage Bill for Parramatta this Session?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This must await consideration until the Cabinet decides what amounts shall be submitted to Parliament in the next Loan Bill.

(15.) Prosecution of South African and Indian Horse-buyers at West Maitland Court:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Were certain horse-buyers from South Africa and India, including Drover W. J. Kerr, prosecuted and fined at the West Maitland Court?

(2.) What was the offence charged against them; and by whom was the prosecution instituted?

(3.) Is it a fact that a mistake was made by the Government Departments, and not by the drovers or the owners of the horses?

(4.) Is he aware that several of the Indian and South African horse-buyers have expressed indignation against the treatment meted out to strangers?

(5.) Is he aware that the action taken in these cases has proved prejudicial to the horse-breeding industry?

(6.) Is it intended to compensate the gentlemen referred to for the departmental mistake which was made?

(7.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the papers in connection with this case (including papers No. 3,688-326) forwarded to the Honorable Member for Gloucester, and the papers relating to same from the Police and Attorney-General's Departments?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The prosecution was instituted by the police, and the Inspector-General has been asked to furnish a report.

(16.) Amendment of the Navigation Act:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it his intention to bring in a Bill to amend the Navigation Act in certain particulars?

(2.) Is he aware that some of the coal vessels come into this port without showing their mast-head light?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the Navigation Act of 1901 in certain particulars, as soon as circumstances will permit.

(2.) The Water Police, who patrol the harbour during the night, report that no coal vessels have been observed making the port without their mast-head lights. Vessels are bound to carry the regulation lights, and any breach of this rule by any vessel would expose the owner or the master to a heavy penalty.

4. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) By Mr. Kidd,—From James Connellan, Mayor, and J. Dickinson, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Picton.

(2.) By Mr. Macdonald,—From John Colley, Mayor, and C. H. Button, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Warren.

Petitions received.

5. Papers:—

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letter from Chief Medical Officer to the Government respecting certain findings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the removal from the Public Service of Mr. Frederick Glynn.

(2.) Papers in connection with grievances of cabmen and vanmen respecting the Metropolitan Traffic Regulations.

(3.) Return respecting Prosecutions and Convictions for Sunday trading in the Metropolitan District for the year ended 30th June, 1902.

(4.) Return showing number of tradespeople prosecuted for Sunday trading, from 1st January, 1900, to 30th June, 1902.

(5.) Second Report of the Royal Commission on the Sydney Water Supply.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for Water Supply at Charlton in connection with the Byrock to Brewarrina Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Board for Export.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed concrete dam across the Cataract River.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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7. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.			Noes, 8.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Sir John See,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Power.
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Byrne,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Law,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Cohen.	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Quinn,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gormly,		
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Sullivan.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Moree, Mr. Webster, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz:—"The urgent need "for the amendment of the law relating to the control of the travelling stock routes and camping "reserves of this State."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark proceeded to move, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Norton invited Mr. Speaker's attention to Standing Order No. 246, and submitted that this Bill, which affected trade, should have been introduced in a Committee of the Whole in accordance with that Standing Order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the point taken was certainly a very fine one, and somewhat difficult to decide, but in his opinion the word "trade" as used in the Standing Order applied to the interchange of commodities in the way of business, and not for the admission of men to practise the medical profession, such as this Bill dealt with. He therefore ruled the Bill in order.

Mr. Clark then moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and "report. (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Affleck, Mr. John "Hurley, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Scobie, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Ashton, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Power,		Mr. Cann,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Sir John See,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Nielsen.	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Thomson,		Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Norton,		Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Meagher,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Law,		Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Gormly,		Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Young,		Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Sullivan.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Burgess,
Sir John See,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. John Hurley.	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Kidd,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. E. M. Clark,		Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Meagher.	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Moore,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Crick,		Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Nelson,		Mr. Power,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Scobie,		Mr. Norton,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Macdonell,		Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Young,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Sullivan,		Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Davidson,		Mr. Edden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Construction of High-level Crossing, North Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What provision has been made for a crossing over the creek while the new bridge is being erected at North Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Is he aware that at present no high-level crossing has been provided, and that should a fresh come down the river, traffic will be blocked between the north side of the river and the town of Wagga?

(3.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have a high-level crossing constructed?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The contractor for the new bridge has to provide a crossing for the traffic during its erection.

(2 and 3.) It is not considered necessary at present to provide a high level crossing; but as stated in reply to Question 1, the contractor has to make provision for the traffic during erection of the new bridge.

(2.) Land Exchanges:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many land exchange proposals has he at present in hand; how many of these have been recommended; and how many have so far not been dealt with?

(2.) How many recommended and sanctioned exchanges have been for over one year, and are still, uncompleted?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague is not sure what the Honorable Member means by the phrase "in "hand," but assumes that he means cases which have not been dealt with by the Land Boards. If so, eight applications have not been reported on by the District Surveyor; reports on nine have been received, and twenty-seven are with the Land Boards for investigation.

(2.) Since the 11th April, 1901, eighty-six applications have been received, twenty-eight of which have been refused or withdrawn. The remainder are in various stages of action, but none have yet received my final approval.

(3.) Wood-blocking Cleveland-street:—*Mr. Jessep*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any representations been made by the City Council or Redfern Municipality as to the very unsatisfactory condition of Cleveland-street, along the tram route?

(2.) In view of the fact that the present tram traffic is heavy and continuous in Cleveland-street, and a state of disrepair almost continuously exists owing to the clouds of dust in fine weather and an accumulation of mud in wet weather, will he take into his serious consideration the necessity of having at least the portion occupied by the tram-line wood-blocked from Castlereagh-street to Dowling-street?

(3.) If any offer is made by the City Council and the Redfern Municipality to bear their share of blocking the whole of the street in this section, will he be willing, in view of the urgent need of doing this work, to entertain such a proposal?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) My honorable colleague has received no such representations.
(2.) This is really a matter for the Railway Commissioners, in conjunction with the City Council, as the line has passed from this Department.
(3.) See answer to No. 2.

(4.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any scheme in view having for its object the absorption of a large body of the unemployed by putting them on the land in country districts?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The matter is under consideration, and caution is necessary to avoid a useless waste of public money.

(5.) Deposit Fees under Advances to Settlers Act:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) As the Advances to Settlers Act is for the benefit of settlers in difficult circumstances, does he intend to demand a fee of £2 to be deposited with each application for a loan?
(2.) Can he not see his way to abolish this charge altogether, or at least to materially reduce it?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) The regulations require a fee of £2 to be deposited with each application.
(2.) The fee is necessary to defray the cost of inspecting the various securities, and if abolished or reduced whilst the interest charged for the money advanced remains at the present rate, a loss would be involved.

(6.) Loans under the Advances to Settlers Act:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Why is it that applications for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act are, in many cases, not decided earlier?
(2.) Is he aware that applicants are kept waiting for six months, and sometimes longer, before their cases are decided?
(3.) Will he take steps to secure more prompt attention being given to these matters?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) The applications are dealt with as speedily as possible, having in view the necessity for the holding and the improvements thereon to be carefully inspected and valued.
(2.) My honorable colleague is aware that in some instances an interval elapses before payments are made.
(3.) Steps have already been taken to expedite action by engaging the services of local officers in connection with such applications.

(7.) Forestry Branch:—Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What was the amount received from royalties and licenses in connection with the Forestry Branch for the year 1901, under the old system?
(2.) What was the cost of administration of the Forestry Branch for the same year?
(3.) What number of officers is it necessary to appoint to carry out new regulations in Forestry Branch?
(4.) What salaries and allowances are to be given to such officers?
(5.) What is the estimated cost of the administration of new regulations?
(6.) What revenue is expected from the proposed royalties?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) About £20,000.
(2.) Hitherto officers have discharged the dual duties of Conditional Purchase Inspectors and Foresters, some having heavier forestry duties than others. It is, therefore, very difficult to apportion the cost of the different services. There were forty-one of these officers, whose salaries, equipment allowances, and travelling expenses amounted to about £20,000.
(3.) It has been arranged to appoint nine foresters, nine assistants, and twenty-seven forest guards, the clerical portion of the staff remaining as hitherto.
(4.) This matter has not been definitely settled; but up to the present no increases have been made.
(5.) About £11,000, including the field and clerical staffs.
(6.) From licenses and royalties, about £50,000.

(8.) Advertising Hoardings, Central Railway Station Resumed Land:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In reference to the advertising hoardings around the Central Railway Station resumed land, under what arrangements, and with whom, is the advertising being continued?
(2.) Is it a fact that lessees of these hoardings had their leases or permits discontinued some time ago?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) The same arrangement that was in vogue with the old Benevolent Asylum has been continued by the Government, with the exception that the tenancy is now a weekly one. The occupiers are Messrs. Hollander and Govett.
(2.) The lease was cancelled at the date of resumption; but the previous lessees still continue to rent the hoarding at a weekly tenancy.

(9.) The Rock to Green's Gunyah, Koorawatha to Grenfell, and Byrock to Brewarrina Railway Lines:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has there been a profit or a loss on the following railway lines, from the opening of the same to the present date, viz., The Rock to Green's Gunyah, Koorawatha to Grenfell, and Byrock to Brewarrina?
(2.) When were the lines opened for traffic, and what was the gross amount of loss or profit on each of the above-named lines from the opening to the 30th of June last?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed the branches show a loss.

(2.) The Rocks to Lockhart line was opened on the 8th July, 1901, and to the end of December the loss was £1,356. The Koorawatha to Grenfell line was opened on the 7th May, 1901, and to the end of December the loss was £1,997. The Byrock to Brewarrina line was opened on the 2nd September, 1901, and to the end of December the loss was £358. The transactions for the year ended 30th June are not yet complete.

(10.) Taxes on Land Benefited by certain Railways:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the conditions required by the third section of the Act No. 43, 1900, been complied with; if not, why not; and will he see that it is attended to without further delay?

(2.) Have the conditions required by the third section of the Act No. 82, of 1900, been complied with in all respects; if not, in what respect has neglect been shown; and if not complied with, why not; and will he see that it is complied with without further delay?

(3.) Have the conditions imposed by the second section of the Act No. 85, of 1900, been complied with; if not, why not; and will he see that the conditions are complied with without further delay?

Mr. Bennett answered,—This matter involves inquiries at other Departments, and the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

(11.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was paid to the Bank of New South Wales in the year 1901 for services rendered in connection with the payment of moneys under the Old-age Pensions Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—During the Financial Year 1901–2, £6,975 10s. 5d.

(12.) Land Titles Office:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the congestion of business in the Land Titles Office, and the absence of space to file valuable records, will he submit to Parliament a proposal for the erection of suitable offices to transact the business of a Department of the State which has been so profitable and beneficial to the community at large?

Sir John See answered,—Plans are now being prepared for the building, and so soon as they are ready a decision will be arrived at about referring the matter to the Committee. My honorable colleague will urge the speedy completion of the plans.

(13.) Extension of Blockholders Act to Residents on Mining Fields:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he consider the advisability of extending the provisions of the Workmen's Block Act to persons resident or persons who might desire to reside on mining fields, after geological report has been made upon areas that might be utilised for workmen's homes?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Yes.

(14.) Inspectors of Slaughter-houses:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are inspectors of slaughter-houses in country districts submitted to examination, to ascertain their qualifications for such duty, either before or after appointment?

(2.) Are inspectors employed in metropolitan district slaughter-houses called upon to give evidence of their experience of diseases in stock?

(3.) Is the same qualification exacted in the case of police officers discharging the duty of inspectors in country districts, or are such inspectors appointed only by virtue of their rank in the Police Force?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No; the local authorities to execute the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act, 1894 (Part II, Cattle Slaughtering), are appointed by that Act to be Municipal Councils, and in Police Districts the senior officer of Police. The inspectors appointed by municipal local authorities are usually their Inspectors of Nuisances; those appointed by Police local authorities are subordinate officers suitably posted at various points within their district. This Act contemplates buildings, plant, possible nuisance, &c., &c., only, and has nothing to do with inspection of meat; but all such inspectors are also authorised by the Board to execute the Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1894.

(2.) Inspectors have been appointed to metropolitan district slaughter-houses as a temporary expedient pending passage of an Abattoirs Act. They have statutory authority under the Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1892. They are appointed by the Board of Health after examination by the Chief Veterinary Inspector, and are then trained at Sydney Abattoir, of which establishment they are graded as sub-inspectors, and are subsequently posted to outside inspection within the metropolitan district.

(3.) It is impossible to exact the same qualifications from all the persons authorised to execute the Diseased Animals and Meat Act in country districts; but many officers of Police and Inspectors of Nuisances have attended at Sydney Abattoir for purposes of instruction. I am aware that the inspection of meat for health is at present on an unsatisfactory footing; but I hope shortly to amend this by introducing an Abattoir Act, which has been drafted.

(15.) Consolidation of the Mining Act:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he, in the Amending Mining Consolidating Bill, to be introduced this Session, make provision for local administration of the Prospecting Vote on lines similar to Victoria?

(2.) Will he also provide for the creation of District Mining Boards, specially providing for a miners' representative, to be elected by virtue of miners' rights?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) No; the local administration of the Prospecting Vote in Victoria proved an absolute failure, and was discontinued in the year 1896.

(2.) This matter will receive consideration.

(16.) Poor and Distressed Families in the Country:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some two months ago Dr. Ross brought under the notice of his Department the poor and distressed circumstances of two families—one a resident of Cargo, a widow with five helpless children, one seriously invalided; and another a resident of Cudal, a widow, with a small family of children, in destitute circumstances, and that up to this date nothing that Dr. Ross is aware of has yet been done in the way of relieving these unfortunate sufferers?

(2.) Can he assign any valid reason why poor destitute families receive Government aid and assistance in Sydney and suburbs, while similar cases of hardship in country districts are either ignored or else treated with indifference?

(3.) Are there any institutions in Sydney under the control of the Government to deal with such cases; if so, who is responsible or to blame for the cause of all this delay?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Boarding-out Officer:—

(1.) On 3rd June Dr. Ross applied, on behalf of a woman at Cargo who has been receiving regular assistance from the State Children Relief Board since June, 1901. The State Children Relief Board at its June meeting increased this person's allowance, and money was sent on 15th July. On 14th June a communication was received from Dr. Ross respecting a person at Cudal. This woman has been assisted by the State Children Relief Board since 1st March regularly. Her case was also considered at the June meeting of the Board, and her allowance was increased.

(2.) All applications to the Government are treated alike quite irrespective of the locality the applicants reside in.

(3.) The particular class of cases referred to is dealt with by the State Children Relief Board under section XVI of the State Children Relief Act.

(17.) Wine Adulteration:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What action, if any, does he intend to take for the protection of public health, *re* wine adulterations, as shown by the result of the analysis of 123 varieties of wines by the Board of Health, that appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of 2nd and 15th July?

(2.) Is it a fact, as reported by the President of the Board of Health, that the samples so analysed were obtained from wholesale and retail dealers, and not from the vignerons or wine-makers?

(3.) Will he see that the necessary steps are taken to introduce, at an early date, a Bill into Parliament dealing with adulterations and spurious manufacture of wines, so as to ensure that all wines placed on the market are kept from all kinds of antiseptics, preservatives, and other noxious and objectionable ingredients, not only as a protection to wine-growers, but also to public health?

Sir John See answered,—The question of what prosecutions shall be undertaken on the report referred to is under consideration by the Department of Justice. The samples were obtained from wholesale and retail dealers, and it is believed that the adulteration part of the Public Health Act furnishes sufficient power to punish those who sell adulterated articles. The execution of this Act is in the hands of local authorities within their several districts.

(18.) Government Purchase of Remounts for South African War:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Dr. Ross' asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did the State Government, some time previous to the close of the South African war, purchase or authorise any person to purchase a remount of horses in the State of New South Wales for South Africa; if so, by whom and from whom were the purchases made, the number of horses supplied, the cost per head, and total amount paid for same?

Sir John See answered,—No.

(19.) Scrubbing of an Annual Lease by the Unemployed at Riverina:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to an instance reported in the papers in which a Riverina landowner is said to have been charged interest on £350 for the scrubbing of an annual lease by the unemployed, whilst the work could have been done by contract for £50; if so, will he inform the House of the facts?

(2.) If he has not heard of the matter, will he cause inquiry to be made for particulars through the Lands Office at Albury?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware of this matter, but inquiries will be made.

(20.) Proposed Railway Extension, Cooma to Bombala:—Mr. Wood asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give Parliament an opportunity at once to deal with the report of the Public Works Committee on the proposed railway extension, Cooma to Bombala?

Sir John See answered,—Until Cabinet decides the railway policy for this Session, my honorable colleague cannot place the necessary resolution on the Business Paper.

(21.) Expenditure from Loan or Revenue on Water Storage, Artesian Boring, &c.:—Mr. Wood asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount expended up to date by the State, from Loan or Revenue, on (*a*) water storage; (*b*) artesian boring; (*c*) irrigation works?

Sir John See answered,—The expenditure from Loans and Revenue has been as follows:—(*a*) £793,852; (*b* and *c*) £1,551,952.

(22.) Appointment of Trained Lawyers for Metropolitan Police Courts:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisableness of appointing a trained lawyer at each of the Metropolitan Police Courts to conduct police cases on behalf of the Crown, in lieu of the present system under which such cases are conducted by police officers ignorant of law?

Sir John See answered,—To carry out this proposal would entail an expenditure which is not warranted at present.

(23.) The Iron Industry :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence between the Federal Government and the New South Wales State Government in reference to the offer of a bonus from the Federal Government for the establishment of the iron industry?

Sir John See answered,—Communications have passed between persons desirous of carrying on steel works and the State Government; but there has been no correspondence so far between the Federal Government and the State Government in regard to this matter.

(24.) Wine Adulteration :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the serious statements contained in the recent report of the analysts of the Health Department on the quality of wines sold for consumption in this State, will he take into consideration the early introduction of legislation dealing with the adulteration of wines?

Mr. Kidd answered,—A Bill has been prepared, and will be introduced as soon as circumstances permit.

(25.) Industrial Arbitration Court :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many cases are now set down for hearing before the Industrial Arbitration Court?

Sir John See answered,—Thirteen industrial disputes (including one part heard), and one application under section 34 of the Industrial Arbitration Act.

(26.) Glebe Island :—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total area of land in Glebe Island, including the land reclaimed and that utilised as timber yards, but excluding the area known as White Bay Park?

Sir John See answered,—The area of Glebe Island to high-water mark, inclusive of road, is about 42 acres. The area of timber yards at White Bay is about 3 acres.

(27.) Proposed Railway from Broken Hill to Menindie :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to recommit the proposed line of railway from Broken Hill to Menindie for further inquiry by the Public Works Committee; and, if so, when?

Sir John See answered,—My honorable colleague is waiting for an opportunity to bring this and similar proposals before Cabinet, and so soon as this is done the necessary resolutions will be placed on the Business Paper.

(28.) Old-age Pensions Conditions :—Mr. Scobie asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to the reply to Mr. Daley's Question of 22nd November, 1901, have any reciprocal arrangements yet been completed between the States of Victoria and New South Wales, whereby residence of twenty-five years partly fulfilled in either State will be accepted as residential conditions under the Old-age Pension Act of New South Wales?

Sir John See answered,—The Government of Victoria was communicated with in regard to reciprocity. Provision has been made in the amended Pension Act of that State, but no agreement has yet been entered into or basis of agreement decided upon.

(29.) Loans under the Advances to Settlers Act :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that very serious inconvenience and loss are caused to applicants for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act, especially during the present trying time of drought, by reason of the great delays that occur in dealing with their applications?

(2.) Is he aware that all such applications are referred to the Chairman of the Local Land Board of the district for report, and that the principal delay occurs at this stage?

(3.) Will he take steps to have these applications dealt with more expeditiously?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Owing to the necessity for investigation of values of the securities, delay occurs which is, to some extent, unavoidable.

(2.) My honorable colleague is aware that the valuations of securities are obtained through the Chairmen of Local Land Boards, and daily occurs consequent upon the scattered location of the securities and pressure of other business.

(3.) Efforts are now being made and instructions have been issued that it is thought will have the desired effect; but it ought not to be overlooked that greater expedition in field inspections means much more expense, the cost of which applicants for advances are not apparently willing to share.

2. Lease of the Kensington Racecourse :—Mr. McCoy presented a Petition from the Kensington Recreation Ground Company (Limited), representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon all circumstances in connection with the granting of an extension of lease of the Kensington Racecourse, and praying that Petitioners may be represented by counsel or attorney before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. Papers :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for duplicating the Great Western Railway near Karabar.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the 41st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Public Cemetery at South Head.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Sheriff (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to secure the payment of Sheriff's fees*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16*th July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) Scaffolding and Lifts Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the construction and use of lifts, and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16*th July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16*th July*, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "February" *insert* "October"
Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit* "1901" *insert* "1902"
Page 2, clause 3, line 7. *Omit* "means" *insert* "includes"
Page 2, clause 3, line 7. *After* "ladder" *insert* "plank"
Page 2, clause 3, line 8. *After* "other" *insert* "movable"
Page 2, clause 3, line 8. *After* "contrivance" *insert* "of a like kind"
Page 2, clause 3, line 10. *After* "within" *insert* "or attached to"
Page 2, clause 3, line 14. *Omit* "material, works, or" *insert* "any"
Page 2, clause 3, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "set up or built" *insert* "built up and fixed"
Page 2, clause 3, line 15. *Omit* "six" *insert* "eight"
Page 2, clause 3, line 16. *Omit* "set up or built" *insert* "built up and fixed"
Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause *add* "and shall include any swinging stage intended to be "used for any of the aforesaid purposes"
Page 2, clause 5, line 30. *Omit* "person" *insert* "inspector"
Page 2, clause 5, line 31. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "twenty"
Page 2, clause 5. At end of clause *add* "(3) Provided it shall not be necessary to allow any time "to elapse after the service of the notice as aforesaid in the case of an emergency arising "from damage caused by lightning, explosion, fire, or rain"
Page 2, clause 6, line 35. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
Page 2, clause 7, line 38. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
Page 3, clause 8, line 8. *Omit* "construct" *insert* "erect"
Page 3, clause 8, line 11. *Omit* "constructed" *insert* "erected"
Page 3, clause 8, line 12. *Omit* "construct" *insert* "erect"
Page 3, clause 8, line 13. *Omit* "person" *insert* "inspector"
Page 3, clause 8, line 15. *Omit* "fifty" *insert* "twenty"
Page 3, clause 9, line 18. *Omit* "engines"
Page 3, clause 9, line 18. *Before* "gear" *insert* "engines and"
Page 3, clause 10, lines 26 and 27. *Omit* "scaffolding, engine, or any such gear constructed" *insert* "lift, or any scaffolding, or engine, or gear used in connection therewith, erected"
Page 3, clause 10, line 27. *Omit* "construction" *insert* "erection"
Page 3, clause 10, line 28. *Add* "s" to "Schedule"
Page 5, Schedule, line 1. *After* "Schedule" *insert* "I."
Page 5, Schedule, line 3. *Omit* "scaffold" *insert* "stage"
Page 5, Schedule, line 4. *After* "iron" *insert* "or wood"
Page 5, Schedule, line 7. *Omit* "two" *insert* "not less than one and a half"
Page 5, Schedule, line 14. *Omit* "front" *insert* "outside"
Page 5, Schedule, line 22. *Omit* "split (not sawn) to ensure the length fibres being intact"
Page 6, Schedule, line 23. *Omit* "four feet six inches" *insert* "six feet"
Page 6. *After* Schedule *insert*—

SCHEDULE II.

Hydraulic or other power—Lifts, cranes, or whips.

Hydraulic machines.

All cylinders, rams, pipes, valves, or other apparatus subjected to hydraulic pressure, shall be tested to a pressure equal to three times the proposed working pressure per square inch; and a certificate under the maker's hand that they have been successfully tested to stand that pressure shall in all cases be furnished to the inspector before they are put into use.

All

All hydraulic machinery having rams working in cylinders shall be provided with permanent stops (or other approved means), by which the rams will be prevented from being forced out of the cylinders, quite independent of any valve or tappett gear.

An independent screw-down pressure stop-cock shall be fitted to every machine; and in cases where more than one machine is fixed in the same building an approved waste-cock shall be fitted to each machine.

A back-pressure valve, non-return valve, or other similar apparatus of approved kind, shall be fitted to every service-pipe.

Hydraulic cylinders are to be fitted with air and drain pipes.

Efficient means are to be provided for lubricating all working parts of machines.

The inspector shall see and test the whole of the machinery, pipes, and other apparatus which are intended to be used before the machines are put into use. This regulation will apply to any substantial alterations in addition to or re-instatements of existing machinery and pipes.

All machinery and well holes to be enclosed to inspector's approval. In case of whip hatches, floors to or from which goods are delivered or discharged to be provided with approved flaps or rolling platforms.

All lifts, cranes, whips, or other like machinery, whether driven by hydraulic or other power, to be examined and inspected in all or any parts as the inspector may require or consider necessary at least once in every six months, and a certificate to be issued by inspector after such examination or inspection.

Examined,—

F. T. Humphery,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

6. Officers transferred by the Public Service Board (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of officers transferred by the Public Service Board for the two years ended 30th April, 1902, showing the total cost for expenses incurred in connection with such transfers, including removal of such officers' furniture, effects, families, &c.

(2.) The number of cases during such period in which expenses of servants of any officers removed were provided for at Government expense, whether by rail, coach, or other means.

Question put and passed.

7. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "necessity for a repeal of the oppressive laws relating to Sunday trading in reference to the "vending of refreshments."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Affleck submitted that the discussion of this Notice, if permitted, would anticipate that which must ensue upon the Notice of Motion given by him this afternoon.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was bound to carry out the business of Parliament in accordance with the Standing Orders and usages thereof, and it was a well-known rule that no motion of adjournment could be allowed to intercept the discussion on a motion of which notice had been given. He had, therefore, to decide whether the Notice given to-night was properly before the House, so as to prevent this discussion taking place, and he could do so by quoting his previous ruling on a similar Point of Order, referred to him on 28th November, 1900. Mr. Speaker then quoted that ruling, under which that Motion for Adjournment was declared to be out of order, and said that he was reluctantly compelled to take the same course on this occasion.

8. Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways:—Mr. Arthur Griffith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways" have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.

Question put and passed.

9. Audit Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

10. Eddy Orphanage Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the origin of Droughts :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Seeing the repeated disastrous and alleged cycle droughts that have from time to time affected and retarded the progress and prosperity of the respective States, New South Wales in particular, will he take into early and serious consideration the desirability of appointing a Royal Commission, composed of the most able recognised scientific experts and meteorologists, to inquire into and report on the matter, with the view, if possible, of endeavouring to find out the immediate source or origin of droughts, and the best means by which the evil effects thereof in future may be overcome, mitigated, or modified ?

Sir John See answered,—The matter is now receiving consideration.

(2.) Bubonic or Rat Plague in Sydney :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the desirability of appointing a Royal Commission, composed of local scientists and medical authorities, or the most able and recognised scientific medical experts in Europe, India, or China, to inquire into and report on the recent outbreak of bubonic or rat plague in Sydney in 1900 and 1902 ?

Sir John See answered,—No. I am informed that the Department of Public Health has recently furnished the most important information at present known regarding the occurrence of plague among white and civilised populations, and that further important material, gathered during the last epidemic, is in its possession, and being prepared for publication.

(3.) Pyrmont Bridge :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the total cost of the new Pyrmont Bridge and approaches ?
(2.) What amount was paid for the old bridge which is now being pulled down and removed ?
(3.) What is the distance from the bridge to the end of Darling Harbour ?
(4.) What would be the distance travelled if no bridge had been built and traffic went round the harbour from the eastern side of the bridge to the western end of the bridge ?
(5.) Is it not a fact that the best engineers were against building this bridge ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Approximately, £140,000.
(2.) £49,600.
(3.) Three-eighths of a mile.
(4.) One and three-eighths of a mile.
(5.) There was a diversity of opinion by the Departmental engineers against building this bridge ; but Parliament having decided to erect it, on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, I had no hesitation in seeing that the will of the representatives of the people was carried out.

(4.) Reappraisements under the Crown Lands Act of 1899 :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that applications for reappraisement under the Act of 1899 have in many cases not yet been dealt with ?
(2.) What is the cause of the delay ?
(3.) Is it intended to renew the Act to allow all holders of conditional purchases, conditional leases, and homestead selection holders an opportunity of having values reappraised ?

Mr.

Mr. Bennett answered,—(1 and 2.) My honorable colleague is aware that a proportion of cases has yet to be dealt with. Although two years were allowed for the making of applications for appraisement, a very large number of applicants deliberately held back until the last moment, and by so doing made delay, besides adding to the expenses of the Department. The completion of the cases (the expense of which far outweighs the nominal deposit paid) is being urged. The area represented by the applications that have been made amounts to 5,871,219 acres, the valuation of which must be admitted to involve both a large and difficult task. A large number of these applications have been disposed of, and the disposal of the remainder is being constantly attended to.
(3.) This is contemplated.

(5.) Acts relating to Justices and their Jurisdiction:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the four principal Acts relating to Justices and their jurisdiction are over fifty years old?
(2.) Is he aware that these Acts are literal re-enactments of old English statutes, and are, in many respects, totally inapplicable to the present state of society in New South Wales?
(3.) Is he aware that the obscure and anomalous provisions of these Acts are the cause of a large amount of litigation in our Supreme Court every year, in the shape of prohibitions, mandamuses, &c.?
(4.) Is he aware that in Victoria modern legislation has been introduced dealing with this subject?
(5.) Will the Government undertake to bring in a comprehensive Bill dealing with this matter at an early date?
(6.) If not, will he give Mr. Levy an opportunity of introducing such a measure as a private Member's Bill?

Sir John See answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the Bill, which is now before this House, for the consolidation of the Acts relating to Justices. The Justices Fines Act of 1899 and the Justices Acts Amendment Act of 1900 very considerably simplify and improve the law relating to summary jurisdiction.

(6.) Broken Hill to Menindie Tramway:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Seeing that the failure to construct the Broken Hill to Menindie tramway was due to the financial crisis of 1893, will he provide on forthcoming Estimates for refund to the promoters of the £3,000 guarantee forfeited in 1895 (*vide* reply to Mr. Scobie's Question, 5th November, 1901)?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No sufficient reasons have been advanced for placing the amount on the Estimates.

(7.) Survey of Newcastle Harbour:—*Mr. Gilbert*, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that, in the inquiry into the accident to the steamer "Ras Elba," at Newcastle, the existence of one uncharted rock was proved, while the evidence raised a strong presumption that there were others outside the danger area, will he cause a detailed survey to be made, so as to safeguard the shipping of the port?

Mr. Waddell answered,—A survey has already been made by the Government Hydrographer of the Department of Works, who reports that no rock having a less depth than 50 feet exists outside the rock recently discovered. He also states that this rock lies so close to the known reef as to be far inside the course of any careful navigator.

(8.) Eight-hour System on Railways and Tramways:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Since the introduction of the eight-hour system on railways and tramways, what has been the increased cost in wages per week or fortnight, and year, in (*a*) railways; (*b*) tramways?
(2.) Is it a fact that engine-drivers and others on railway trains are compelled to relinquish charge, even if some distance from their terminus, at the end of eight hours, and do they then complete the journey off duty, and without pay?
(3.) Are the stages run as nearly as possible to permit of eight hours only, or is the system merely one which guarantees overtime?
(4.) In the tramway service, what is the intention of the Government in regard to the demand for weekly periods of forty-eight hours instead of fortnightly periods of ninety-six hours?
(5.) What is the extra cost in the case of (*a*) weekly periods; (*b*) fortnightly periods?
(6.) What would be the approximate additional cost, calculating the men's time in weekly periods instead of in fortnightly periods?
(7.) How many extra men have been employed as a result of the introduction of eight hours on tramways; and how much has been paid for overtime?
(8.) How much was paid for overtime during the year ended 30th June, 1902, on (*a*) railways; (*b*) tramways?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As it will take some little time to get this information, I will have it laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return at an early date.

(9.) Board of Exports:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) The occupations of the various members of the Board of Exports?
(2.) The date of each appointment; and by whom was it made?
(3.) On whose recommendation in each case was the appointment made?
(4.) What are the duties of the Board?
(5.) How often does the Board sit, as a rule, and how many sittings were held during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1902?
(6.) What fees are paid, and how are they allotted?
(7.) What is the annual cost of the Board?

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

(10.) Officers in Charge of Labour Works:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the name and salary of the outside officer in charge of each of the following day-labour works, viz.:—(*a*) Art Gallery additions; (*b*) repairs, Darlinghurst Court-house; (*c*) new Fisher library; (*d*) alterations, Administrative Block, and foundations, proposed new pavilions, Prince Alfred Hospital; (*e*) new female prison and penitentiary, Long Bay; (*f*) new Central Railway Station; (*g*) cemetery, La Perouse; (*h*) new car-shed, Fort Macquarie; (*i*) new Post Office, Newcastle?

(2.) What is the name and salary of each of the subordinate officers and leading hands under each outside officer-in-charge?

(3.) Who is in charge as foreman of the stonemasons in the shed at Pyrmont Quarry?

(4.) What salary does he receive?

(5.) What is the name of the assistant foreman or leading hand, if any, in the shed at Pyrmont Quarry?

(6.) What salary does he receive?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can be more readily furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way. No opposition will be offered.

(11.) Cracks and Leakages in the Canal between Prospect Dam and Guildford:—*Mr. Anderson*, for Mr. Archer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that photographs have been taken showing the cracks and leakages in the canal between Prospect dam and Guildford: if so, will he have them laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) In consequence of the many reports condemning the state of the waterworks at Prospect and the canal to the pipe-heads at Guildford, will he make arrangements for the Members of this House to inspect the said works, so that Members may judge of the reports made, especially by Mr. Henley, a newly-elected member of the Water and Sewerage Board?

(3.) If he agrees to the visit of the Members, will he see that the water is kept low enough to show the defects, if any?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No. Photographs of the cracks in the dam have been taken, but they do not indicate anything serious, and capable engineers have expressed the opinion that the dam is in a safe condition.

(2 and 3.) I will have no objection to such a visit of inspection being made by Members of Parliament, and further, I will be only too happy to make the necessary arrangements if the Honorable Member will fix a date and state how many will comprise the party.

(12.) Public Servants Appeals:—*Mr. Anderson*, for Mr. Archer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are there any appeals affecting the seniority of public officers still undetermined by the Public Service Board; if so, how many, and to what Department are they attached?

Sir John See answered,—The *Gazette* notifications recently issued, containing the decisions of the Public Service Board in connection with the appeals, expressly stated that questions regarding the relative seniority of officers were not dealt with, and would be determined later. There are a number of these cases, relating to nearly all of the Departments, and the Public Service Board will determine all such cases as soon as possible.

(13.) Appointment of Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether, with a view to avoid delays and inconvenience to the public by illness, &c., of Stipendiary Magistrates, he will consider the advisability of—

(1.) Appointing Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates with latent commissions, to be brought into operation by order under the hand of the Minister?

(2.) Providing that the salaries of Stipendiary Magistrates be fixed by Act of Parliament, as in cases of members of Land Board and Commissioners of Taxation?

(3.) Placing Stipendiary Magistrates in the same independent positions as are District Court Judges?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) These matters will be embodied in a Bill which is now being drafted.

(3.) No.

(14.) Expenses paid to Mr. Barling on account of his Trip to England:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Macdonell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any money been paid by the Government to Mr. Barling, of the Public Service Board, towards the expenses of his trip to England?

Sir John See answered,—No; nor has Mr. Barling made application for such.

(15.) Weights and Measures Act:—Mr. McNeill asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the unsatisfactory manner in which the Weights and Measures Act is administered, will he bring in a Bill to amend the present law so as to make provision for more efficient and satisfactory administration?

Sir John See answered,—No complaints have been made since the administration of the Act was transferred to the Treasury. The matter of bringing in a Bill to amend the present law will receive my consideration.

(16.) Introduction of Sewing Machines in Public Schools:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the fact that it is the intention of the Department to teach carpentry in Public Schools, will he also take steps to introduce the sewing machine, so that school girls would be able to earn their living, if necessary, by sewing, and thus relieve the family exchequer by the making of clothes, &c.?

Mr.

Mr. Perry answered,—This matter has already received consideration. The introduction of sewing machines into our schools is not practicable. It would entail a very large expenditure, and interfere with the instruction in other subjects. There are 2,818 schools attended by girls under the Department, for which more than 20,000 machines would be required; and, unless separate buildings were erected, involving enormous expense, instruction would have to be given outside the regular school hours. I may say that it is not contemplated to teach carpentry as a trade. All that is aimed at is manual training, or hand and eye training, of which instruction in the use of tools forms a part.

(17.) Inspectors of Public Schools:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he yet considered the following recommendation of the conference of inspectors and departmental officers:—"That it be recommended to the attention of the Minister that it is highly "desirable to increase the number of inspectors to such a number that large schools may be visited "twice a year"?

(2.) Is it his intention, in the immediate future, to cause an increase in the inspectorial staff?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter will receive consideration in due course, together with other recommendations of the Conference of Inspectors. I may say that four additional inspectors have been appointed during the last twelve months.

(18.) Commission paid by the Curator of Intestate Estates on the Sale of Real Estate, &c.:—Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount has been paid from the 1st July, 1896, to the 1st July, 1902, by the Curator of Intestate Estates, by way of commission on the sale of real estate and shares in estates administered by that officer?

(2.) The names of the auctioneers employed, and the respective amounts paid to the same?

Sir John See answered,—The information will be prepared in the shape of a return, and laid upon the Table in due course.

(19.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Cannot arrangements be made to continue the practice of remitting pensions by post to old-age pensioners who reside in outlying districts?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Everything possible is being done to facilitate the payment of pensions to persons who reside in outlying districts, consistent with a proper check upon those payments. The principle of the Act is payment on personal application, and the Central Board reports that the departure from this principle, already made, has led to irregularities. For the information of the Honorable Member, I may say there are 521 paying places—banks 118, money order offices 403—in New South Wales. I propose to deal with this matter of administration in the new Bill.

(20.) Bores put down in the State by Contract and Day Labour:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many bores are being put down in the State by contract, and how many by day labour?

(2.) Is a clause inserted in all contracts to enforce the payment of the minimum wage?

(3.) What hours are worked by men employed by the Department direct, and what hours by contractors' men?

(4.) Is he aware of the fact that some of the contractors are making their men work twelve hours per shift?

(5.) Will he prevent this sweating being carried out, and enforce the employment of three shifts, or limit the hours to be worked to eight hours per shift?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Twelve bores by contract, none by day labour.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Forty-eight hours a week.

(4.) I am not aware; but if the Honorable Member will inform me where this is being done, I will see that the conditions of contract are not violated.

(5.) Certainly, if there be any necessity for such steps being taken.

2. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

3. Papers:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes relating to the granting of special sick leave to Mr. E. M. de Burgh, Engineer for Bridges, Roads, Bridges, and Public Watering Places Branch, Department of Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Borough of Albury.

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

(3.) Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

(4.) Additional Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

(5.) Rules of Procedure made by the Court of Arbitration under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Actions brought against the Railway Commissioners (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of actions at law brought against the Railway Commissioners during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1902.

(2.) The total amount reached by the verdicts and costs in these cases.

(3.) The names of the counsel employed by the Railway Commissioners in such cases, the number of cases in which each counsel was so employed, and the fees drawn by each.

Question put and passed.

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5. Life Assurance Companies Investing Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for all life assurance companies, where the head office is out of the State, investing in Government securities a certain proportion of their funds; and purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

6. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waratah, Mr. Arthur Griffith, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.—"The "treatment by the Railway Commissioners of James Campbell, a pointsman permanently disabled "while at work in their service."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Griffith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

7. Vines and Vegetation Diseases (Amendment) Bill:—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897.
Question put and passed.

8. Artesian Wells (Leasing) Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the leasing of artesian wells and works connected therewith, and land adjacent thereto; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.
Question put and passed.

9. Temora to Barellan Railway Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

10. Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

11. Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.
Question put and passed.

12. Newcastle Sewerage Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.
Question put and passed.

13. Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

14. Audit Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17*th July,* 1902.

15. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hogue, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object,*"—which was read a first time.

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

16. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

17. ARREST ON MESNE PROCESS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

18. ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

19. JUSTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

20. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

21. Public Service Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

22. Constitution Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Lee moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nobbs,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Miller.
Sir John See,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Power,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Hollis,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Briner.	Mr. Brunker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

23. Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nobbs,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Jessep,	
Sir John See,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	*Tellers,*	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. MacMahon,		Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Power.	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Nielsen,		Mr. Brunker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

24. Billiards and Bagatelle Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.

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Ayes, 22.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Coleman.
Sir John See,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Levy,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. Kidd,	*Tellers,*	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. McNeill,		Mr. Morton,	
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Jones.	Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

25. Standard Time Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

26. Usury, Bills of Lading, and Written Memoranda Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.

Question put and passed.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

27. General Legal Procedure Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Coleman,	*Tellers,*
Sir John See,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Power,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Kidd,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. MacMahon,		Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Howarth.	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. McNeill.		
Mr. John Storey,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

28. Sydney Corporation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Power moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cann, Mr. John Hurley, Sir John See, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. Power, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Briner, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Archer, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Fegan, Mr. MacMahon, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. McNeill, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Edden, Mr. J. F. Smith.

Tellers,

Mr. Hollis, Mr. Jones.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Fallick, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Morton, Mr. Webster, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Howarth.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep, Mr. Davidson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

29. Width of Streets and Lanes Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Power moved pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cann, Sir John See, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. Power, Mr. Hollis, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. McNeill, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Jones, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Briner, Mr. Kidd, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Archer, Mr. Fegan.

Tellers,

Mr. Nielsen, Mr. MacMahon.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Davidson, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Edden, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Webster, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Coleman.

Tellers,

Mr. Morton, Mr. Fallick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

30. Public Parks Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Webster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Cann, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Sir John See, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. MacMahon, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Archer, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Jones, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Anderson, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Bennett.

Tellers,

Mr. Briner, Mr. Power.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Fallick, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Morton, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Edden, Mr. Howarth.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Jessep.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question put and passed.

Bill

Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

31. CATTLE SLAUGHTERING AND DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 16.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cann,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Levy,
Sir John See,		Mr. Lee,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hollis.	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Power,		Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Howarth,
Mr. MacMahon,		Mr. Edden,
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Henry Clarke,		Mr. Webster,
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Morton,
Mr. Nielsen,		Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Jones,		Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Coleman.
Mr. Briner,		*Tellers,*
Mr. McNeill,		
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McGowen,		Mr. Davidson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

32. SYDNEY ABATTOIR AND NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 16.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Fallick,
Sir John See,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cann,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fegan,		Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Hollis.	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,		Mr. Miller,
Mr. Briner,		Mr. Brunker,
Mr. MacMahon,		Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Nielsen,		Mr. Webster,
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Morton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,		Mr. Edden,
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Hurley,		Mr. Howarth.
Mr. McNeill,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Anderson,		
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Coleman,
Mr. McGowen,		Mr. Nobbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

33. SYDNEY MINT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Howarth.
Sir John See,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Nobbs,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Hollis,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. MacMahon,		Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nielsen.	Mr. Edden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

34. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 *JULY*, 1902.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor-General under the directions contained in the 23rd section of the Audit Act, 1898, authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands—Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Survey of "Lands—Contingencies."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wattle Flat and Sofala Mining Districts:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What was the output of gold from the mining districts of Wattle Flat and Sofala during the year 1901?
(2.) How many mines in the said districts have obtained exemption from labour conditions during the like period?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Wattle Flat, 2,480 oz., valued at £8,523; Sofala, 4,192 oz., valued at £13,789.
(2.) Twenty-two; of these twelve received partial suspension only, and in all cases the applications for suspension were dealt with by the Warden in open Court.

(2.) Public Schools, East Sydney:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates to provide for the painting and renovating of the public schools within the jurisdiction of the East Sydney School Board?

Mr. Perry answered,—Special consideration cannot be given to schools in any one locality. The claims of the schools under the East Sydney School Board will receive full attention, due regard being paid to the requirements of schools throughout the State.

(3.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Rocks Advisory Board are receiving applications for allotments in the resumed area?
(2.) Is he aware that the different brewery companies are willing to forego compensation if they are permitted to select sites within the area?
(3.) Would he consider the advisability of putting up all the blocks in the area for public competition, and thus save unfair dealings?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No. There are but few cases where possession could be given before the reconstruction has taken place.
(2.) The adjustment of brewers' claims is now under consideration, and the question of apportionment of sites for hotel buildings with a view to reducing claims is a factor in the policy being pursued.
(3.) As reconstruction proceeds, there is little doubt but that leases of allotments will be disposed of by public competition.

(4.) Dawes' Battery Reserve:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he strongly object to the proposal to hand over Captain Hickson's and General Finn's houses, at Dawes' Battery, to the Harbour Trust?
(2.) Is he aware that owing to the careless stacking of piles, and ship-loads of blue metal being landed at Dawes' Battery, that accidents are daily occurring to children, and will he order the discontinuance of same?
(3.) Will he endeavour to secure the removal of the Harbour Trust control from every portion of the said reserve with the view of vesting the whole place in trustees?
(4.) Will he give instructions to the proper Department not to allow Government boats to be used for private pleasure parties, which are unfairly competing with steamers plying for hire, and so follow the good example of the Harbour Trust in this respect?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners requested that these premises should be vested in them, in order to provide accommodation for the Harbour-master and his deputy, but they are now making other arrangements.
(2.) So far as can be ascertained, the only accident to children occurred there on the 8th instant, when a boy, 14 years of age, improperly removed a wedge holding a pile in position, with the result that it rolled over and crushed his leg. The timber is only there temporarily, until the jetties at Circular Quay are completed, which will be very shortly; and the Commissioners propose to cease landing blue metal on the wharf as soon as the blue metal depôt at Woolloomooloo is completed.
(3.) With regard to the ferry transit wharf and to the structure alongside it, upon which blue metal is now being landed, the Commissioners state that if this property is taken from their control it might be used in competition with the wharfs vested in the Trust.
(4.) The matter will receive attention.

(5.) Lease granted by the Harbour Trust to Messrs. Dalgety & Co.:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the duration of the lease granted by the Harbour Trust to Messrs. Dalgety & Co. for the proposed cold storage stores in Merriman-street; the estimated cost of the building; and the annual rent to be paid therefor?

Sir John See answered,—(*a*) Ten years; (*b*) £40,000; (*c*) 4½ per cent. per annum on the actual cost of the building; the lessees to pay rates, taxes, and premiums of insurance against fire, to maintain the premises in a good and efficient state of repair, and to hand them over at the expiration of the lease in good order and condition. The property, of which this store forms only a part, was dealt with as a whole, and the revenue is estimated to give a substantial return on the total cost.

(6.) Agent-General's Office:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Does he propose to adopt any of Mr. Barling's suggestions as to changing the locality of the Agent-General's office, as set out in his report?
(2.) Have any steps been taken to bring about the conditions he suggests as to the meat, wheat, butter, and wine exporting industries?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) The matter is still under consideration.
(2.) Mr. C. C. Lance has been appointed as Commercial Agent in Great Britain, and it is part of his business to inquire into the conditions of our trade with a view to its extension, to ascertain where fresh openings can be found for our products, and generally to advise as to any steps necessary to advance the commercial interests of the State.

(7.) Cost of Production of *Hansard*, *Government Gazette*, &c.:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What was the total cost of production of *Hansard* for 1901, including cost of reporting, type-setting, printing, and postage?
(2.) Similar information regarding *Government Gazette?*
(3.) Similar information regarding *Agricultural Gazette?*
(4.) Similar information regarding *Labour Bulletin?*
(5.) Cost of Government advertising in the Press throughout the State?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) (*a*) As to reporting, the cost of reporting the debates in Parliament (1900-1901), and the Select Committees of both Houses, was £4,371. No record has been kept of the cost of these services separately. The appropriation for the latter service, prior to the amalgamation of the Shorthand-writing Staffs, was £1,500 per annum. (*b*) As to printing, &c., £4,547 4s. 8d.
(2.) £12,880 14s. 8d.
(3.) £3,907 19s. 5d.
(4.) Nil. (Not published till 1902.)
(5.) £8,265 12s. 4d., exclusive of advertising in connection with the railways and tramways, which amounted to £3,634 6s. 11d.

(8.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that old-age pensions have been granted after having been refused by local Boards?
(2.) If so, how many such cases are there; and by whose authority are they granted?

Sir John See answered,—The Registrar, Central Board for Old-age Pensions, has furnished the following replies:—
(1.) No.
(2.) No such cases.

3. Local Government Bill:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from Tom Jackson, Mayor, and E. A. Archbald, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Broken Hill, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.
Petition received.

4. Pastoral and Agricultural Societies:—Mr. Dight presented a Petition from certain representatives of Pastoral and Agricultural Societies in New South Wales, representing that Petitioners recognise that Parliament has materially assisted Agricultural Societies from time to time, in voting sums of money for improvements to show-grounds and for subsidy; that gentlemen who give services in the capacity of Show Judges should receive at the hands of the State greater consideration than is at present accorded them; and praying that recognised Show Judges be conveyed on the public railways of the State without cost to themselves or the Societies.
Petition received.

5. Timber Regulations:—Mr. Price presented a Petition from M. Gleeson, Chairman, and Jas. Gleeson, Secretary, of a public meeting held at Nabiac, representing that the new timber regulations are excessive; that the method of collecting the royalty will be costly and vexatious; that the royalty should be collected from the mill-owner on the output of the mill; and praying for relief.
Petition received.

6. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 21st September, 1898,—"Monthly Returns of Accidents" (Public Works Department, June, 1902).
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of Royal Commission to inquire into all questions raised with regard to the conduct of Municipal Affairs at Wyalong, together with Minutes of Proceedings and evidence.
(2.) Report of Royal Commission to inquire into a charge against Sergeant James Hogg, of the Police Force, together with Evidence, &c.
(3.) Return respecting employees in the Hospital for the Insane, Parramatta.
(4.) Return respecting the movement of population during 1900, 1901, and to 31st March, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(5.) Report of Royal Commissioner respecting the Statute Law Consolidation Commission.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Board of Exports.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Milson Island as a site for an Inebriate Asylum (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence in connection with the resumption of Milson Island as a site for an Inebriate Asylum.
Question put and passed.

8. Conveyancing Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for simplifying and improving the title to land; the practice of conveyancing; for amending in various particulars the law relating to property, and providing for legal charges; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

9. Ports of Sydney and Newcastle (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The total cost to date of all improvements in the Port of Sydney, including cost of lighthouses, light-ship or ships, beacons, buoys, moorings, wharfs, loading appliances, and dredging.
(2.) The like information for the Port of Newcastle, also including cost of breakwaters and of dyke and coal cranes.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 60.			Noes, 6.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nielsen,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Sullivan.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Haynes.	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Davidson,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. E. M. Clark,		
Mr. Davis,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Broughton.	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Macdonald,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill postponed until To-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, Mr. Broughton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The urgent necessity for the removal of the Abattoirs from Glebe Island to Homebush, under "the control of the Sydney Municipal Council."

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

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

Points of Order:—

(1.) Mr. Affleck drew attention to two Orders of the Day for To-morrow (Nos. 17 and 18) for the consideration of Bills for consolidating laws relating to the slaughtering of cattle, and submitted that this discussion would anticipate the debates on those Bills.

Mr. Speaker decided that as this Notice referred to a proposed removal of the Glebe Island Abattoirs, it could not anticipate the discussion on Bills having a different object.

(2.) Mr. Daniel O'Connor submitted that this discussion was irregular, as anticipating the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the subject.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the objection raised could not be maintained.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 34.		
Mr. Levy,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Gilbert.	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Norton,
Tellers,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Estell,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Davidson.	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Mahony,
	Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Moxham.
	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Edden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. CLAIM OF WILLIAM RICHARD GAINFORD AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVIGATION:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of William Richard Gainford against the Department of Navigation in respect to the barque "Fanny Fisher."

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Daley, Mr. Newman, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Davis, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.			Noes, 10.
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Latimer.	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Millard,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,		Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Haynes,		Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Gilbert,		Mr. John Hurley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. CLAIM OF GLEBE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF SEWERAGE WORKS:—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Glebe Borough "Council, in respect of Sewerage Works,"—brought up on 9th October, 1901, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 *JULY*, 1902.

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

LEGITIMATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 69.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law by making provision for the legitimation of children born before marriage on the subsequent marriage of their parents,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd July*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—What amount was granted by the Government, for the five years preceding 1901, to the trustees for the maintenance of Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks?

Mr. Bennett answered,—£1,000 each year.

(2.) Acting Supreme and District Court Judges:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many Acting Judges have been appointed to the Supreme and District Court Benches since the 1st September, 1900, to the 30th June, 1902?
(2.) The names of same?
(3.) The amount respectively paid to each by way of salary, allowances, and travelling expenses?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(3.) Royalty Charges:—Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the large amount, £50,000, stated by him, in answer to a previous Question, as expected revenue from new timber regulations, will he consider the necessity that exists for reducing the royalty charges, so as to make it possible for mills to work, and thus save a large increase of unemployed?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague is not prepared to make any promises in the direction asked, as he is not convinced that the royalty rates are excessive. The timbers are admittedly valuable, and the State is entitled to receive a proportion of their value.

(4.) Erection of a Weir at Manildra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Did the Department of Public Works, with his approval, inform Dr. Ross last Session that a weir was to be erected at Manildra; if so, in the face of the increasing number of unemployed, and want of work in country districts, why is the construction of the work not being proceeded with?
(2.) When are tenders likely to be invited for the same?
(3.) Is it not a fact that provision was made on last year's Estimates for the construction of the above work, and why is the matter being delayed?
(4.) Does he mean to delay the work pending the passing of the present year's Estimates, and his £200,000 water conservation scheme as requested by the Country Party?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes; but this work has not yet been commenced, as the Water Conservation Vote for the year ended 30th June is exhausted.

(2.) So soon as Parliament has voted supplies.

(3.) Special provision was not made on last year's Estimates for this weir.

(4.) I am unable to carry out this and other equally urgent works of a somewhat similar character until Supply is granted by Parliament; but I intend to keep my promise to the Honorable Member as soon as the first money is available for the construction of weirs.

(5.) Standard Text Book on Agriculture:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In what way are farmers and settlers supposed to obtain information regarding the best and most modern methods of cultivating the soil, the growth of cereals, rearing of stock, poultry, pigs, dairying, butter, cheese, bacon, and ensilage making?

(2.) Are there any cheap text or standard books on agriculture published by the Department by which the above information can be obtained?

(3.) Is it not desirable that steps should be taken by the Government to have a standard text book on agriculture published, which farmers, settlers, and stock-owners could refer to for information, out of the large annual revenue that is derived from Crown lands?

(4.) Are the students who attend the Hawkesbury Agricultural College supplied with any illustrated text book on agriculture; if not, from what other source, besides attending lectures, do they derive instruction and information on the rudiments of agricultural chemistry; and what, if any, are the standard books used on such occasions?

(5.) The amount expended annually in the publication of the *Agricultural Gazette*, number of subscribers, and the number of copies published monthly and yearly?

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

(6.) Macdonaldtown Railway Station:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have decided to close the Macdonaldtown railway station?

(2.) Is it a fact that season tickets are now in force on the Ashfield to Enfield tramway?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to make similar concessions to travellers on other tramway systems?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed the consideration of the question will depend upon the approval, or otherwise, of the Macdonaldtown-Erskineville tramway, now before the Public Works Committee.

(2.) Yes, but in conjunction with the railway season tickets.

(3.) The circumstances are not identical, and it is not intended to extend season tickets to the city tramway system.

(7.) Municipal Bill:—Mr. Mahony asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the unavoidably prolonged nature of the inquiry by the present Select Committee upon the "System of Municipal "Government for Greater Sydney," when will he proceed with the Municipal Bill now on the Business Paper?

Sir John See answered,—It is my intention to proceed with the Municipal Bill this week, if possible. I propose first of all to take the Water Conservation Bill, then the Women's Franchise Bill, and then the Municipal Bill.

(8.) The Unemployed:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he recently granted sums of money for expenditure in certain localities in providing relief work for the unemployed farmers and others, whose means of securing a livelihood in the ordinary way has been destroyed by the prolonged drought?

(2.) Is he aware that in certain portions of the Rylstone electorate farmers and selectors have been so affected by continued dry weather as to be unable to work their holdings, and will he, therefore, from the beneficence of his nature, and the public funds at his disposal, make grants in certain directions, which will later on be indicated by the Member for the district, to enable *bonâ-fide* local unemployed to earn a living?

(3.) Were not there many unexpended grants in this electorate last year; and, if so, will he cause such grants to be put to immediate use?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes, in a few special cases.

(2.) I am not aware, but if the Honorable Member will furnish particulars I will cause reports to be obtained as to necessity and advisability of grants being made for such purposes.

(3.) Reports from the officers in three Road Districts, portions of which are comprised within the electorate, will need to be obtained before information as to unexpended grants can be supplied to the Honorable Member. I may say that, owing to the disastrous effects of the present drought, I am receiving the most agonising appeals for assistance from all parts of New South Wales.

(9.) Importation of Articles by New South Wales Government:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Federal Government is collecting duty upon articles imported by the New South Wales State Government, such as materials for use in railway construction, &c.?

(2.) If so, will he take the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether this practice is not a violation of the 114th section of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, which provides, *inter alia*, "Nor shall the Commonwealth impose any tax on property of any kind belonging to a State"?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is now under reference to the Crown Law officers.

(10.) Timber Royalties:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and reports dealing with the question of the collection of timber royalties on the output of the mills on sawn timber and on hewn timber, piles, girders, and sleepers, at the port of shipment or place of entrainment?

Mr. Bennett answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for these in the usual way.

(11.)

(11.) State Forest:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is sufficient power given under the Crown Lands Act to deal with every form of regulation necessary for the control of the State forest?
(2.) If not, what powers are not vested in the Crown by Part VI of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) The Act confers large powers to make regulations, but, of course, any regulation would be *ultra vires* if outside the scope of the Act.
(2.) All my honorable colleague can say is that no other powers can be exercised than are actually given, but if the Honorable Member had been more explicit, he could have replied more fully.

(12.) Amendment of the Rabbit Act:—Mr. Dight asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Rabbit Act passed last Session?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Yes.

(13.) Supply Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it likely that a Supply Bill will be introduced this month or next month?
(2.) If such a Bill is to be introduced, will he give sufficient notice, so as to prevent the necessity of a motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes; this month.
(2.) Notice will be given to-morrow for the suspension of the Standing Orders on Wednesday next, it being impossible to obtain the necessary legal authority for payment of the salaries, &c., due on 1st August, without adopting such course.

3. Local Government Bill:—Mr. Haynes presented a Petition from A. P. Howard, Mayor, and A. Le Messurier, Council Clerk, of the Borough of Hill End, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.
Petition received.

4. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for Water Supply for the Borough of Wollongong.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th and 101st sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Arrest on Mesne Process Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to arrest on mesne process.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to arrest on mesne process,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd *July*, 1902.

6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill, postponed until To-morrow.

7. Messages from the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Official Shorthand Writers Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the employment of official shorthand writers in proceedings before any Court or Judge, or before persons authorised to make certain inquiries; and to provide that the notes taken by such shorthand writers, and certified transcripts thereof, shall be evidence,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd *July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.)

(2.) District Courts and Small Debts Recovery Acts Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the District Courts Act*, 1901, *and the Small Debts Recovery Act*, 1899, *with respect to the attachment of debts due from garnishees*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

(3.) Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of* 1894, *the Mining Laws Amendment Act of* 1896, *the Mining Act of* 1874, *and the Mining Act of* 1889,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23*rd July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23*rd July*, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "1901" *insert* "1902"

Page 2, clause 3, line 1. *After* "provisions" *insert* "of sections twenty-three and twenty-five of "the first-mentioned Act, which shall be taken to apply, as far as regards the additional "minerals in this section named, as from the time of passing this Act, and also subject "to the provisions"

Page 2, clause 3, line 2. *After* "copper" *insert* "ironstone"

Page 2, clause 3, line 5. *After* "Act" *insert* "Provided that sections twenty-three and twenty-"five of the said first-mentioned Act shall not apply to any mineral hereafter proclaimed, "nor to any land which at the time of the passing of this Act is legally occupied under "the provisions of the first-mentioned Act for mining purposes in respect of silver, lead, "tin, or antimony"

Page 2, clause 3, line 9. *After* "copper" *insert* "ironstone"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz, "Police protection."

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

Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order:—Mr. Rose, referring to clauses 4 and 12, submitted that the Bill was out of order, because it amended the Public Works Act, 1900, and Water Rights Act, 1896, without authority in the Order of Leave or Title.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the Bill in no way amended the Acts referred to, and was not out of order.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 *JULY*, 1902, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Retirement:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Chief Commissioners of Police of Liverpool and London, England, have stated on oath, before the Police Commission of Inquiry, that after twenty-five years' service a policeman was physically and mentally incapacitated for police duty?
(2.) Will he make provision for the immediate retirement of the thirty-three members of the Police Force who have completed thirty years' service, and are over 60 years of age, *vide* Inspector-General's annual report?
(3.) Will he also make provision for the retirement of the forty-seven men who are over 60 years of age, *vide* same report?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—
(1.) I have not seen the statements referred to, but the conditions of police service in Australia are different to those in England.
(2 and 3.) The whole question will have to be regulated by an amendment in the present law. Meantime, provision has been made for all cases where police are anxious to retire, being unfit for further service.

(2.) Buildings Leased by the Government in Pyrmont or Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is the Government the lessee of any buildings in Pyrmont or Darling Harbour for cold storage purposes?
(2.) If so, what are the terms of the lease, including rental and from whom leased?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Government is actually a tenant of its own property?
(4.) Are these buildings under the control of the Board of Exports?
(5.) Are they used entirely by that Board, or sublet to other shippers, or the public generally?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) The Department of Agriculture rents four chambers for freezing purposes at Darling Island from Messrs. Birt and Company.
(2.) The lease of these chambers is an annual one, the Department obtaining the four freezing chambers, together with all the necessary floor space, electric lighting, power for freezing, and usual mechanical contrivances, for the sum of £1,950 per annum.
(3.) Messrs. Birt and Company hold the premises under lease from the Railway Commissioners, but all the machinery and electric power was installed by that Company.
(4.) No.
(5.) No; the Department of Agriculture only rents the four chambers, which are not sublet.

(3.) Erection of a Building for the Public Library:—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it a fact that £150,000 was authorised to be raised by loan in the year 1879 for the purpose of erecting a building for the Public Library?
(2.) Was a Loan Bill passed for the purpose; if so, was any of the money raised by loan; if so, how much, and what was done with it?
(3.) Is any of the money authorised to be raised still available; if so, how much, and what does the Government propose to do with it?

(4.) Did he state last year that there was no need for a deputation to wait on him, as the Government was considering the matter; is this consideration completed; if not, how much longer is it likely to take?
(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of the building for the purpose of securing and housing the Mitchell donation, as well as other books; and when?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) No.
(2 and 3.) No loan was passed for that purpose subsequent to the year 1879. The sum of £150,000 was voted in 1879 out of the accumulated surplus revenue, of which £118,496 was expended. The balance of the Vote was written off, and is not now available.
(4 and 5.) I did make the statement referred to. The consideration of the matter is now complete, and it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of a new library building as soon as practicable.

(4.) Public Libraries and Schools of Arts:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Are the various Public Libraries and Schools of Arts throughout New South Wales subsidised by the State?
(2.) As the *Times* reprint of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" has lately been submitted to the public of New South Wales by the London *Daily Mail*, through the Sydney Press, on the most liberal terms, viz., a deposit of 5s. and an instalment of 12s. per month, can he furnish this House with any information as to the respective Public Libraries and various Schools of Arts in the State that are in possession of this publication, or the number of copies, if any, such institutions here are likely to order of this cheap and most valuable publication?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) Yes, on application, should conditions of grant be complied with.
(2.) I have no information on the matter. The Department does not interfere with Schools of Arts' Committees in regard to the purchase of books.

(5.) Donohue *v.* Donohue, Supreme Court Case:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What were the successive steps taken in the Supreme Court in the case Donohue *v.* Donohue, and at what expense?
(2.) Is the memorial or letter presented by Mr. Donohue to the Full Court on 12th February, 1901, now among the records of the Supreme Court; and if not, why?
(3.) Referring to Question 1 (asked 25th June), what was the course pursued by the Judge, and subsequently by the Prothonotary, in regard to the costs incurred by Mr. Donohue in bringing the conduct of the attorneys concerned under the notice of Mr. Justice Owen on 16th April?
(4.) Did not these attorneys refuse to correct their version of an order made by the Judge in Divorce when called on by an officer of the Supreme Court to do so?
(5.) Did the conduct of these attorneys affect Mr. Donohue's right of appeal against the order in question?
(6.) Is he aware that the rights of appellants against decisions of the Supreme Court of this State are imperilled by the delay in constituting the Federal Appeal Court, and will he take steps to ascertain the intentions of the Federal Government in the matter?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information:—
(1 to 5.) The first five Questions relate to a dispute between private persons involving no question of public interest, and I cannot pursue the investigations into the matter any further.
(6.) Very grave inconvenience both to suitors and to the rights of individual States is being occasioned by the delay in establishing the High Court.

(6.) Members of Parliament—Income Tax:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that certain Members of Parliament have not paid income tax?
(2.) If so, why have not the Taxation Commissioners recovered the tax by process of law from such Members of Parliament?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) All arrears up to and inclusive of the 1901 taxes are in the hands of the Crown Solicitor for recovery by legal process. With regard to the 1902 taxes, which are only just overdue, all outstanding amounts will be placed in his hands without delay.

(7.) Valuers under the Reappraisement Act:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) When the Reappraisement Act came into operation, were not valuers appointed on behalf of the applicants for revaluation, and were not such valuers appointed from competent persons outside the Department?
(2.) Is it a fact that since these valuers made inspection the district surveyors have undertaken the work, and the valuers are now official persons who assess on behalf of the Crown and the settler alike?
(3.) Who authorised this change in procedure?
(4.) Can he not see his way to authorise the completion of the work of valuations on behalf of the applicants by the men who made the inspections, and who were first employed on behalf of the applicants?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Where the Department could secure the services of a reliable appraiser outside the Service it did so, but the Department, in some instances, had to make the best arrangements it could to get through the work. With regard to the electorate which the Honorable Member represents, arrangements were approved to engage the services of a Mr. Baker, but, on certain representations made by the District Surveyor, some extra arrangements were made. The papers referring to the matter are not in the Department, but my honorable colleague will make further inquiries and communicate with the Honorable Member.

(8.) Miners' Permanent Accident Relief Fund :—Mr. Estell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What is the amount of money now in the Miners' Permanent Accident Relief Fund?
(2.) Do the Government and proprietors regularly pay their proportion to the fund?
(3.) How is the money invested; and what is the average rate of interest being earned by the fund?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) £10,165 13s. 3d.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) On fixed deposit—(1) Bank of New South Wales, £3,000; (2) Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, £3,000; (3) City Bank of Sydney, £2,000. Sums amounting to £28,000 are invested in New South Wales Funded Stock. The rate of interest on all money invested by the Board is 3½ per cent. per annum.

(9.) Rates and Taxes Assessed by Municipalities upon Commonwealth Property :—*Mr. J. F. Smith*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the opinion given by the Federal Attorney-General that the Commonwealth is not liable for rates and taxes assessed by municipalities upon Commonwealth property?
(2.) If so, is he aware that, under this opinion, the Federal Postal Department declines (as in the case of the Albury Municipal Council) to pay the assessment of water rate levied in the ordinary way, and only proposes to pay for the amount of water registered by meter?
(3.) In view of the enormous liabilities incurred by local authorities for water supply, does he intend to take any action to protect the interests of municipalities, and incidentally the interests of the State Government (which has advanced the municipal councils large sums to carry out water supply works), by insisting upon the Federal Government discharging its obligations in a fair manner towards municipal councils for actual services rendered?

Sir John See answered,—The Federal Government was written to on the subject on the 16th April and 18th June last, but no reply has yet been received.

(10.) Salary of a Clerk in the Government Printing Office :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware of the fact that a clerk in the Government Printing Office, 27 years of age, with nine years' service, who twelve months ago took up the duties of another clerk receiving £156 per annum, is only receiving £75 per annum for the same work?
(2.) Will he see that something is done to remedy the grievance which here exists?

Sir John See answered,—The Government Printer states :—Assuming the officer in question to be Mr. Bennett, of the Computing Branch, he is not performing the same duties, neither has he had the technical training or experience of his predecessor.

(11.) Supreme and District Court Judges :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many Judges are now employed in this State; and what is the total cost to same of their services in (*a*) salaries, and (*b*) travelling expenses?
(2.) Is he aware of the fact that when the Supreme Court opened on Monday last the Judges once more complained to the effect that unless the Bench were strengthened there must, in view of the heavy list before them, "be a considerable number of appeals undecided at the end of the term"?
(3.) Has it been brought directly under his notice, or has he been made acquainted with the fact, per medium of the Press, that the greater number of the appeals which the Full Court is charged to hear are the direct outcome of misdirections to juries by individual members of the Supreme or District Courts Benches?
(4.) Will he have any objection, in order that he may secure proof of the accuracy of the above statement, to peruse the law reports in the Sydney morning Press of 23rd July, wherein he will see that, with regard to the whole of the six appeals heard by the Full Court on the preceding day, *rules nisi* were granted on the ground of "misdirection by the Judge" who heard the original suit?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Fourteen Judges. Total cost (*a*) £29,600; (*b*) £2,211 3s. 7d., calculated on the basis of expenditure for past year.
(2.) Yes.
(3 and 4.) Courts of Appeal in the Common Law Jurisdiction only exist to correct the erroneous decisions, in point of law, of inferior tribunals. Consequently, all appeals are made because of some real or supposed error on the part of an inferior tribunal.

(12.) Married Women in the Education Department :—Mr. McNeill asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) How many women are employed in the Education Department whose husbands are also employed in the Government service?
(2.) How many married women are employed in the Education Department whose husbands are not employed in the Government service?

Mr Perry answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return.

(13.) Sydney Cricket Ground :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a statement of assets and liabilities up to September, 1901, of the Sydney Cricket Ground?
(2.) Will he furnish a copy of the rules and regulations of the ground?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) A copy was laid upon the Table on the 9th instant. I produce another copy for the Honorable Member's information.
(2.) My honorable colleague will communicate with the trustees on the subject.

(14.) Police Force:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that recently the strength of the police on night-work in the Eastern Police District was nine men?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are at present only three men on night-work in the whole of this district?

(3.) Is it a fact that the above fact is through three men being detailed to attend at "Cranbrook," the State Governor's residence, also four men on electoral work?

(4.) Also, is it a fact that since the traffic regulations eight men have been taken off the police strength of this division?

(5.) Will he see that the police strength of this division is made up to its former strength by fresh additions?

(6.) Is it a fact that the police holidays are drawn for by the men, and if they should happen to be drawn for the winter they are compelled to always take winter months; will he ask the Inspector-General to allow the men to change their holidays, so as to have one in winter and next in summer?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) A constable has been placed on duty at "Cranbook," temporarily, and eight constables are specially engaged revising the Electoral Rolls.

(4 and 5.) In April, 1900, there were fifty-six police in the eastern suburbs. At present there are sixty-four. Constables withdrawn for traffic duty are replaced.

(6.) No. The convenience of the police as regards their leave is consulted as far as exigencies of the Service will admit.

(15.) Examinations for Police Magistrates:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that, under either the Public Service Regulations or the practice of the Service, clerks performing exactly the same duties in local Land Offices and local Petty Sessions Offices are treated differently in regard to the right to submit themselves for examinations for Police Magistrates, &c., according as their salaries are paid by the Lands Department or the Justice Department?

(2.) Will he see that the same privileges are extended to these clerks irrespective of the Department to which they may be attached?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that—

(1.) Officers of his Department are by regulation debarred from being permanently appointed to or promoted to, a position of Clerk of Petty Sessions to which is attached a salary of more than £300 per annum until they have passed in two of the four sections of the Police Magistrates examinations. As a compensating advantage, they are considered to have passed that examination on satisfying the Examiners in the remaining two papers.

(2.) Officers of the Lands Department are not under any requirement to pass an examination in law to obtain over £300 per annum, and in the absence of such requirement it would be unfair to extend to them the privilege of passing the Police Magistrates examination in two sections.

2. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From John Atkins, Chairman, and O. H. Windsor, Honorary Secretary, of the Cronulla and Gunnamatta Bay Progress Association.

(2.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From Henry T. Hicks, Chairman, and Daniel J. Webb, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association, Thirroul.

(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From James Dalton, Chairman, and Alfred Laman, Honorary Secretary, of the Nelson's Bay, Port Stephens, Progress Committee.

(4.) By Mr. Estell,—From William Bower, Mayor, and Adam Cook, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Wallsend.

Petitions received.

3. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. Papers:—

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the year ended 30th September, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 17th July, 1902,—"Actions "brought against the Railway Commissioners."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Return showing amounts paid for salary, allowances and travelling expenses of acting Judges appointed to the Supreme and District Court Benches.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Trustee Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 7th October.

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

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 70.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of July and August, or following month, of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1903, for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd July*, 1902.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wagga Wagga, Mr. Gormly, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "administration of the Board for Exports."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Gormly.
Tellers,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Sir John See,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Young,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Tellers,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. McCoy.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Norton submitted that this Bill was out of order, as it intended to amend certain sections of the Constitution Act without reciting that Act in the Order of Leave, Preamble, or Clauses.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that this Bill did not amend or repeal the sections, 10 and 11, of the Constitution Act, those sections having been repealed by the Electoral Act of 1858, nor did it clash with the existing Electoral Acts. He considered that the Order of Leave was sufficiently comprehensive to cover the matter referred to in the clauses, and ruled that the Bill was in order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. John Hurley moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fegan,
Sir John See,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. John Hurley.
Tellers,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. McNeill.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Archibald Campbell.
Tellers,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Law,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Quirk,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Winchcombe,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Jones,	Mr Briner.
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Lonsdale.	
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Mahony,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Clara,		
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Norton.	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Fallick,		
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hollis,		

Noes, 8.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 *JULY*, 1902, A.M.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Licensed Watermen:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under the Navigation Act a licensed waterman took out his license for life, subject to good conduct?

(2.) Is he aware that the Harbour Trust Commissioners are compelling the aforesaid licensed watermen to take out fresh licenses with them, and only for a period of twelve months?

(3.) Are these watermen compelled to wear badges on their coats, when none of these men wear coats while rowing?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The practice established by the late Marine Board in connection with watermen's licenses was that they were to be held during good behaviour, and subject to certain rules and regulations, and the boat being in satisfactory condition. The practice was not disturbed when the Department of Navigation was constituted. Jurisdiction in connection with the issue of licenses, and the control of licensed watermen, are now vested in the Sydney Harbour Trust.

(2.) Yes. The transfer of the control of the watermen to the Sydney Harbour Trust has enabled the Commissioners to establish a much needed reform, and it is their intention to issue annual licenses, to be renewed subject to the good conduct of the holder.

(3.) Yes. The Commissioners, however, have decided that the badge need not necessarily be worn on the arm; it will be made so that it can be worn on the breast of the jumper or coat. The answers to Nos. 2 and 3 have been furnished by the Harbour Trust Commissioners.

(2.) Government Tenants in the Resumed Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who has given Captain Jackson instructions to issue summonses and distrain upon the Government tenants in the resumed area?

(2.) Is he aware that many of the said summonses are for back rent, alleged not to have been collected as far back as two years?

(3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be instituted in reference to the alleged non-collection of these rents, and why a demand was not made for same when due?

(4.) Does he think it fair that the Government tenants should be compelled to produce rent receipts two years old, and if not produced to be served with a summons?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) No distraint is made without my special authority, after proper report, and this step is only taken in cases where the tenants can, but will not, pay.

(2 and 3.) The majority of back rent demanded is for amounts alleged to have been paid as current rent by the tenants to the late owners after the date of resumption; but when the amounts, so claimed to have been paid, were deducted from the compensation moneys, it was found that in many cases the tenants were in arrears for rent prior to the date of resumption, and the moneys so paid were credited by the late owners against such arrears. It was, therefore, necessary to redemand the amounts from the tenants.

(4.) The only receipts demanded from the tenants were the last issued by the late owners. This demand was more in the tenant's interest than the Government's, for were it found that they had paid the late owners, after resumption, credit would then be given them.

(3.) Sewage Farm, Arncliffe:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Anderson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the estimated capital value of the Sewage Farm, Arncliffe?

(2.) What is the annual income derived therefrom for the last five years?

(3.) What is the annual return for the same period?

Mr.

Mr. Bennett answered,—The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) £72,071 11s. 9d.
(2.) Total revenue for last five years, £1,182 11s .2d.
(3.) The present annual revenue is £357 10s. 4d.

(4.) Proposed Railway from Cowra to Gregra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How long has the surveyor been engaged in making a survey of the cross line from Cowra to Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, and when is the survey likely to be completed?
(2.) Has the surveyor lately been withdrawn from the work; if so, for what reason?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Department to continue the survey of the line until it is finished; if so, when is the work of surveying likely to be resumed?
(4.) Is he aware that the "*Canowindra*" *Star*, residents of Canowindra, Lockwood, Cudal, farmers and settlers along the proposed route, are highly displeased and indignant at the withdrawal of the surveyor before the survey has been completed, especially after his assurance that he was in favour of the construction of the proposed railway extension?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) Nine months. My honorable colleague is informed that the survey should be completed in about two months.
(2.) Yes. His engagement has ended; he was only temporarily employed.
(3.) Yes; another surveyor is on his way.
(4.) My honorable colleague is not aware, but the Honorable Member must, he feels sure, agree with him when he tells him that the Department has only the best interests of the people at stake, and no step is taken that cannot be justified.

(5.) Mr. A. E. Crane, Public School Teacher, late of Kurrajong:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Brinsley Hall, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to Mr. A. E. Crane, Public School Teacher, late of Kurrajong,—
(1.) Has he been disrated?
(2.) By whose request was he removed; and for what reason?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) On his own application.

(6.) Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Brinsley Hall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to introduce a Bill to carry out the work of constructing the bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The matter is on the Business Paper now, and as soon as the resolution is adopted a Bill will be introduced.

(7.) Bores Leased in the Moree Electorate:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How many bores are leased in the Moree electorate?
(2.) For what term are bores leased under the Artesian Wells Act?
(3.) For what term is the Wallon bore leased?
(4.) What is the rent charged for the lease of the Wallon bore?
(5.) Will he agree to the resumption of the Wallon bore, to give permanent relief to the neighbouring settlers?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) Three.
(2.) There is no provision for leasing under the Artesian Wells Act, 1897.
(3.) The lease of the Wallon bore expires 31st March, 1904.
(4.) £208 per annum.
(5.) My honorable colleague will make inquiries, and see whether it is necessary or advisable to do this.

(8.) Moree Bore:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Who is the lessee of the Moree bore?
(2.) Is there an agreement signed with Mr. Arthur Thompson for use of water from the bore?
(3.) When was it signed?
(4.) What quantity of water is granted to the said Arthur Thompson, per diem, in his lease?
(5.) What sum has been paid for the water used by Mr. Arthur Thompson since 1st January, 1900?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) Moree bore is in charge of a caretaker.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) 24th May, 1902.
(4.) Surplus water after Public and Departmental requirements are satisfied. No definite quantity specified.
(5.) £135.

(9.) Bonuses paid to Officers and Employees of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The amount of bonuses paid by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to the officers and employees of the Board from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902?
(2.) The names of the officers and amounts paid to them, and for what service?
(3.) The number of hours recorded during the period from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902?
(4.) The amounts paid, if any, to employees other than officers?

Mr.

Mr. Bennett answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following reply to these Questions :—The only bonus paid was £25 to Mr. Thomas J. Roseby, assessor, in July, 1901, to compensate him for loss of increase in salary, which was approved by the Board for the previous financial year, but not then paid.

(10.) Increase of Wages to Maintenance Men :—Mr. Norton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the promised increase of 1s. per day yet been paid to maintenance men employing their own horses and drays on road works?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Increases of pay for horses and carts employed on road works have been made proportionate to increased cost of feeding horses in different localities. Such increases range from 6d. to 3s. a day.

2. Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from landowners and residents of Kurrajong, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at North Richmond, for traffic only, may not be carried out pending a thorough investigation as to the claims of the Kurrajong district to railway communication.
Petition received.

3. Reduction of Members—Local Government :—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from residents of Epping, Carlingford, and Marsfield, representing that many subjects are removed from the purview of the State Parliament and invested exclusively in the Federal Parliament; that there is only the question of Local Government to be considered; that by a judicious Municipal or Local Government Bill the obligations incumbent upon the intermediary Member might be transferred to local governing bodies; and praying for the passing of measures to reduce the number of Members and the expenditure on Local Government.
Petition received.

4. Liquor Traffic :—The following Petitions,—praying the House to pass into law a measure, embodying the following provisions :—(1) extension of the existing local option law; (2) earlier hours of closing; (3) effective Sunday closing; (4) non-employment of barmaids; (5) closing of public-houses on election day; (6) prohibition of sale of liquor to young people under seventeen years of age,—were presented by Mr. Frank Farnell :—
(1.) From Alf. D. Sellars, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Christian Endeavour, at Ermington.
(2.) From John Flack, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Band of Hope, at Ermington.
(3.) From John Neil, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Band of Hope, at Dundas.
(4.) From Robert Small, Chairman of a meeting of members of the "East" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Dundas.
Petitions received.

5. Local Government Bill :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—
(1.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From B. Witenden, Chairman, and Chas. Uphill, Honorary Secretary of the Pine Hills Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales.
At the request of Mr. Fegan, the Petition was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From G. McLellan, Chairman, and A. Trethowan, Secretary, of Farmers and Settlers' Association at Clear Hills, Oaklands.
Petition received.
(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From John H. Fitzgerald, President, and E. G. Ratliff, Honorary Secretary, of the Farmers and Settlers' Association at Somerton.
Question put, That the Petition be received.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 18.
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gormly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Quinn.	Mr. Norton.
Mr. Fallick,	*Tellers,*	*Tellers,*
Mr. Gilbert,		
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Affleck.	Mr. Briner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From W. W. Killen, Chairman, and Michael J. Dwyer, Honorary Secretary, of the Savernake Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales.
Petition received.
(5.) By Mr. Haynes,—From Arthur M. Rygate, Mayor, and W. Gardner, Council Clerk, of the Municipal District of Wellington.
Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1901.
(2.) Report of the Court of Investigation, Greta Colliery Fire.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. CASE OF MR. JAMES JOHNSTON, SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in connection with the case of Mr. James Johnston, Sydney Harbour Trust, laid upon the Table of this House on the 24th June, 1902, be again referred to the Printing Committee.
Question put and passed.

8. METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:—Mr. E. M. Clark (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in connection with grievances of cabmen and vanmen respecting the Metropolitan Traffic Regulations, laid upon the Table of this House and referred to the Printing Committee on the 15th July, 1902, and reported upon on the 16th July, 1902, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

9. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (BULLI FUND) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Miners' Accident Relief (Bulli Fund) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 23rd September.

10. COAL MINES (PAYMENT OF WAGES) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Coal Mines (Payment of Wages) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 7th October.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Practitioners Bill postponed until Tuesday, 26th August.

12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Frank Farnell, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. "The "consolidation of the Statutes of New South Wales."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Levy moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Norton pointed out that this Notice, if debated now, would anticipate discussion on the Consolidating Bills on the Business Paper of this House. He submitted that the Notice was not in order.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that no general discussion could take place on the methods or cost of the work of consolidation whilst any one of the Bills referred to was under consideration, and he thought this a fitting opportunity and proper way of taking that discussion. Mr. Levy was quite in order.

Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

14. WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE-DRIVING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gormly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Gormly, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 14.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Coleman,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Briner,		Mr. Scobie,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Fallick,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Collins,		
Mr. Hogue,		Mr. Daley,
Mr. Davidson,		Mr. Hollis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 *JULY*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Erection of Buildings in the City and Suburbs:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, early this Session, introduce a Building Bill, one of the principal provisions of which will have the effect of preventing builders from erecting a multiplicity of structures, possessed of miniature back-yards, upon small areas of land in the city and suburbs?

Sir John See answered,—The matter will receive attention.

(2.) Appeals heard before the Full Court:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that the great bulk of the appeals heard before the Full Court, and in regard to which *rules nisi* are granted, are directly due, as shown by the law reports, to "Misdirections to Juries" by individual members of the Supreme or District Court Benches, will he urge the Attorney-General to devise some means whereby the Judges responsible for such misdirections, and consequently such appeals, may be made to meet the whole or part of the costs incurred by the litigants concerned?

Sir John See answered,—No.

(3.) Case of King *v.* The Kauri Timber Company, Limited:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the case of King *v.* The Kauri Timber Company, Limited, heard before Mr. Justice Pring, in No. 3 Jury Court, during last term, and to include the Judge's notes, plan, model, and all other details of the trial?

Sir John See answered,—It is not the practice to lay on the Table proceedings in connection with cases in the Law Courts, as this might lead to a needless exposure of private affairs; but if the Honorable Member will inform the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice for what purpose these papers are required, his request will be considered.

(4.) Workshops south of Railway Line, Honeysuckle Point:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners under consideration a scheme for the removal of the workshops on the southern side of the railway line, Honeysuckle Point, to the opposite side of the line?

(2.) In the event of such a scheme being carried out, will the Commissioners be prepared to sell or lease the land vacated, so as to permit of the proper development of Hunter-street West?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that there is not at present any intention of removing the shops as described, and, it may be added, that should anything of the kind be done, it will not admit of the Commissioners selling or leasing any land unless a complete change of the whole of the arrangements were made, which would be very costly, and require the appropriation of a considerable area of the land now being reclaimed.

(5.) Hospital for Consumptives:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the necessity of erecting a hospital for consumptives, will he see, before any definite action is taken for the selection of a suitable site and climate, &c., that a Royal Commission is appointed to take evidence in the matter from the best skilled and expert evidence obtainable?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has furnished the following information :—I understand that there are several classes of consumptives—three, at all events—all of which must be cared for in separate institutions, differently placed, and which may properly be supported by different classes of the community. The interests of one or other of these classes of consumptives have been advocated during several past years to the Government and to the public; but I am not aware that any comprehensive scheme for dealing with all the consumptives in this State who are unable to provide suitably for themselves has ever been put forward. I think the Government, in order to direct the separate representations and interests mentioned efficiently and economically, should be in possession of such a scheme; and under actual circumstances, I think a Royal Commission would furnish the best advice on broad but definite lines as to what the policy of the Government in the general public interest should be.

(6.) Bridge at Bridgewater, Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How long is it since the contractor commenced to erect the bridge at Bridgewater, near Molong, the cause of the delay, and when the work is likely to be completed?

(2.) Is it the Department of Works or contractor's duty to see that proper temporary provision is made to allow travellers, carriers, and teamsters to cross the creek in safety while the new bridge is in course of construction?

(3.) Is he aware that a number of serious accidents have occurred to teamsters, &c., for want of proper provision being made for allowing loaded teams, &c., crossing and recrossing the creek in safety; and will he see that steps are taken to have the evil complained of removed?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The contract for the erection of the bridge was accepted on 4th March, 1902. The time allowed for completion was thirteen weeks, which expired on 4th June, 1902. A report will be obtained from the local officer.

(2.) The specification stipulates that the contractor shall provide a temporary crossing and be responsible for accidents.

(3.) I am not aware that any accident has taken place here, but instructions will be issued to see that the terms of the contract are being carried out.

(7.) Gymnasium in the Domain :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that since the erection of the gymnasium in the Domain it has become a rendezvous for the development of the worst elements of larrikinism among boys and girls?

(2.) For the better protection and supervision of children (especially females), will he see that a policeman is stationed at the locality where athletic sports are carried on?

(3.) Why are children of tender years, male and female, allowed, indiscriminately, to congregate and take part at these sports while debarred from doing so when attending our Public Schools, unless under the supervision of a teacher?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The police report that they have not observed any such misconduct.

(2.) Arrangements are in progress for providing further police supervision for the Domain and other parks. A constable gives special attention to the gymnasium.

(3.) I am not aware, but I will bring the matter under the notice of my honorable colleague the Minister of Public Instruction.

(8.) Bank Holiday, 4th August, 1902 :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will the proclamation of the bank holiday, which takes place on Monday next, 4th August, apply to all Civil Servants and Public School Teachers throughout the State, or only to those within the county of Cumberland?

Mr. Perry answered,—The bank holiday is applicable to all Public Offices, but does not extend to Public Schools either within or outside the county of Cumberland.

(9.) Police Magistrates Appointed during 1901 :—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Police Magistrates were appointed during the year 1901?

(2.) The names of same?

(3.) The salaries of same?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(10.) Marsupials and other Animals Indigenous to the State :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In view of the wholesale and ruthless destruction of marsupials and other animals indigenous to this country at present being carried on, will he introduce legislation of a character calculated to protect such animals during certain seasons?

(2.) What was the value of kangaroo, wallaby, and opossum skins put upon the market last year?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I am not prepared to answer the first Question. I will give it consideration. The information asked for by the second Question will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return to-morrow.

(11.) Supreme Court Judges :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With reference to the complaint of overwork on the part of the Supreme Court Judges, is it not a fact that their recess extends from 18th December till 9th February, and from 20th June to 19th July, nearly three months in each year?

(2.) For how many hours per day during Term do the Judges sit, on an average; how often do they go on circuit; and what scale of expenses per day are they allowed?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) The Long Vacation extended from 16th December, 1901, to 8th February, 1902. The winter vacation was from June 30th to July 19th.
(2.) The Judges sit in Court from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 1·45 p.m. to 4 p.m. They go on circuit twice a year, and are allowed £1,150 per annum to cover the expenses of the Judges for the two circuits.

(12.) Reclamation Area granted to Mort's Dock and Engineering Company:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What reclamation area was granted to the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company at Woolwich, Parramatta River, prior to the establishment of the Sydney Harbour Trust, and upon what date was same granted?
(2.) What was the amount paid for, and the assessed value of such reclaimed area?

Mr. Hayes answered,—
(1.) On the 21st February, 1900, permission was granted to reclaim 3 acres 2 roods and 21 perches.
(2.) The assessed value of the reclaimed area, after reclamation, was £8,500; the cost of reclamation was estimated at £6,782, and the difference between these amounts, £1,718, represents the sum paid to the Crown.

(13.) Appeals to the Full Court:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) In the matter of appeals to the Full Court, is it the practice that a Judge may sit and adjudicate in an appeal made against his own decree?
(2.) If such is the case, is there any instance of a Judge determining an appeal against his own decree?
(3.) If the practice exists, is there any proposal for a change to ensure unbiased judgment on appeal?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) No.
(2 and 3.) Answered by No. 1.

(14.) Persons desirous of Settling on the Land:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has he read the paper—one of a series—in the edition of the *Sydney Mail* of the 26th instant, upon the "Drought-stricken West"?
(2.) If so, seeing that the publication of the Government *Agricultural Gazette* costs nearly £4,000 a year, would it not be advisable to have recourse to the Press for disseminating such and all other information to persons desirous of settling upon the land?
(3.) How many ex-students from the different Agricultural Colleges have settled upon the land as high-class farmers?
(4.) In what localities, and with what results?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information asked for will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return as soon as possible.

(15.) Leave of Absence to Railway Men:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that railway men who had served twenty years were granted one month's leave of absence without the certificate of the doctor of the Department?
(2.) If so, will he see that that regulation is carried out?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the regulation is—"On the completion of twenty years' "service in the Railway Department, any employee, although not entitled to wages during illness, "will be allowed, on the Medical Officer's certificate of ill-health, leave of absence with pay for a "period not exceeding one month"; and it is being carried out.

(16.) Reclamation Area granted to Mort's Dock and Engineering Company:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What additional reclamation area has been granted to the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company at Woolwich, Parramatta River, by the Sydney Harbour Trust, and when was such area granted?
(2.) What amount was paid for such area, and what was the assessed value of same?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) On the recommendation of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, the right to reclaim and purchase an additional area of 1 acre 2 roods 4 perches was approved by the Executive Council in October, 1901.
(2.) The value of the land has not yet been assessed by the Metropolitan Land Board in accordance with section 30 of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act.

(17.) Proposed North Shore Bridge:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to cause the plans of the proposed North Shore bridge to be exhibited in a suitable place for the general information of the public; if so, when, and where?

Mr. Perry answered,—Yes, so soon as the Bridge Board's report upon the designs and tenders is submitted to me.

(18.) Compensation to the Mother of Thomas Heaps, shot at Gininderra:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to compensate the mother of Thomas Heaps, who was shot at Gininderra?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—This matter is already receiving attention. Mrs. Heaps, whom I am informed is deceased's stepmother, has been rendered monetary assistance on the representations of the Member for Newtown-Erskine Division. I received the following telegram from Tallangatta, Victoria, to-day:—"For your information I am mother Joseph Goliath Heaps, shot Queanbeyan—"letter following."—(Sgd.) Sarah Rothwell.

(19.) Closing Brisbane Water against Net-fishing:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he state when the proclamation closing Brisbane Water against net-fishing expires?

(2.) Has an application been made on behalf of the licensed fishermen for the period remaining to be cancelled, on the ground that there is at present an abundance of fish in the prohibited waters, whilst many licensed fishermen and their families are reduced to great extremities, owing to the scarcity of fish in available waters?

(3.) If so, has the application been considered by the Fisheries Commissioners, and with what result?

(4.) Was a meeting of the Fisheries Commissioners held on 24th July; and, if so, who were the Commissioners present?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) On the 15th November, 1902.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes. To wait till the proclamation expires.

(4.) Yes, at which Dr. Cox and the Honorable J. H. Want, M.L.C., were present, the proceedings being subsequently approved by the Honorable W. R. Campbell, M.L.C.

(20.) Men Registered by the State Labour Board:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is he aware that men registered by the State Labour Board are, instead of being written to, according to promise, when vacancies occur, compelled to stand about in the cold at the Labour Bureau until an official calls for the men required?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Works Department, to which the State Labour Bureau is attached, reports that, in every case where men are required for a work, a notice is sent to them to report either at the job or at the office. When they come to the office they are not compelled to wait, but are attended to immediately they report themselves.

(21.) Government Advertisements in the *Dungog Chronicle*:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amounts have been paid by the Government for advertising in the *Dungog Chronicle* during the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1901-1902?

(2.) What amounts are due and accruing, and what advertising contracts are now in existence between the Crown and the owner of that paper?

(3.) Is the owner of that paper a Member of this House; and, if so, what is his name?

(4.) Are any other Members of this House proprietors of newspapers in which Government advertisements are inserted?

(5.) If so, has his attention been directed to section 28 of the Constitution Act, with a view to taking action in the matter?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) 1898, £40 7s. 3d.; 1899, £30 16s. 3d.; 1900, £38 3s. 8d.; 1901, £54 7s. 5d.; 1902, £21 11s. 2d. (six months).

(2.) Amount due for advertising during July, 1902, £1 5s. 7d. No contracts in existence.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) This matter was brought up in 1895, and decided that no contracts existed between the Government and the newspaper proprietors.

(22.) Timber Regulations:—Mr. Phillips asked the Secretary for Lands,—Having in view the dissatisfaction and serious interference to the timber industry caused by the new regulations, is it the intention of the Government to reconsider them, with the object of their amendment or cancellation, pending the introduction of the proposed Forestry Bill?

Mr. Hayes answered,—My honorable colleague is not prepared to recommend the repeal of the regulations. He feels sure that the State has in the past been unjustly deprived of a reasonable proportion of its revenue, and the fact that steps are being taken to alter the condition of things is, he thinks, largely the cause of the dissatisfaction to which the Honorable Member refers. The high value and importance of the State timbers has been insisted upon by a certain class of persons, but when the State seeks to obtain a better revenue and to prevent the exploitation of timber, its value does not seem to be so well recognised. There is no desire to embarrass timber-getters, or to place difficulties in their way, but, on the other hand, there is a desire to consult their convenience and to correct anomalies when they are proved to exist and when it is found possible to do so. If the Honorable Member will point out any difficulties which have come under his notice, careful consideration will be given to his representations.

2. Papers:—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Annandale.

(3.) By-law of the Borough of New Lambton.

(4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Wallendbeen.

(5.)

(5.) Information respecting Postal Premises in Castlereagh-street, Sydney.
(6.) Return respecting the Consolidation of the Statutes.
(7.) Return showing number, names, and salaries of Police Magistrates appointed during 1901.
(8.) Return to an Order, made on 26th June, 1902,—"State Government House, Macquarie-"street, Sydney."
(9.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act of 1900, of land for a Residence for the Night Officer at Ravensworth.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 30*th July*, 1902.

4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act, No. 31, 1899, and the Friendly Societies Act Amendment Act, No. 77, 1900, in certain respects.
Question put and passed.

5. DISMISSAL OF JOHN ERNEST HUMPHRIES, LATE CLERK, BOTANIC GARDENS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers relating to the dismissal from the Public Service of John Ernest Humphries, late a clerk in the Botanic Gardens.
Question put and passed.

6. DISMISSAL OF CLAUDE SOLOMON, LATE STAFF PAYMASTER, MILITARY FORCES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, &c., relating to,—
(1.) The dismissal from the Public Service of Claude Solomon, late Staff Paymaster of the Military Forces.
(2.) The claim of the said Claude Solomon against the Government, as notified in the *Government Gazette* of 4th October, 1901.
Question put and passed.

7. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday, for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects.
Question put and passed.

8. GOODS DETENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law in relation to the detention of goods.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the expediency of bringing in the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill postponed until To-morrow.

10. METHODIST UNION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm the Union in New South Wales of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New South Wales, the Primitive Methodist Church in New South Wales, and the United Methodist Free Churches in New South Wales under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to deal with the real and personal property in New South Wales of the said uniting churches; to give certain powers to the New South Wales Conference of the said the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act*, 1889, *the Primitive Methodist Church Temporalities Act*, 1879, *and the Primitive Methodist Church Property Act*, 1897; *and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30*th July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 21st October.

11. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to "apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the "Services of the year 1902–1903, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—
That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,226,400: being £1,084,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July and August, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1903, to be expended at the rates which were sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1902, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1902–1903; and
£1,142,400 for the following Services:—Railways and Tramways—To meet Advances for Wages during the month of September, 1902, £150,000; Public Works and Services—Roads and Bridges—For the construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges generally, pending the passing of the Appropriation Act, £300,000; Harbours and Rivers, £15,000; Dredge Service, £40,000; Government Architect—Maintenance and repairs of Public Buildings and Services generally, £20,000. Public Instruction—Additions and repairs to Public School Buildings, £10,000. Treasurer's Advance Account—To enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1904, £40,000.

In anticipation of Loan Votes—

Department of Lands—Blockholders' Loan Fund, under Act No. 69, 1901, £3,000; Rabbit Act, No. 6, 1902—Towards purchase of Wire-netting, &c., under clause 20, £10,000; Public Works—Railway Construction—Dubbo to Coonamble, £17,000; Narrabri West to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri, £80,000; Temora to Wyalong, £30,000; Culcairn to Germanton, £5,000; Trial Surveys, £4,000; Tramway Construction—Broken Hill Tramway at South Broken Hill—Cutting-out Grade, £2,100; Government Architect—Art Gallery, £4,500; Crown Law Offices, £2,500; Darlinghurst Court-house, £2,000; Harbours and Rivers—Clarence River Improvements, £16,800; Richmond River Improvements, £16,800; Tweed River Improvements, £7,800; Macleay River Improvements, £5,100; Manning River Improvements, £6,600; Edwards River Snagging, £1,200; Water Conservation, Artesian Borings, Public Watering Places, and Services incidental thereto, £40,000; Country Towns Water Supplies, £25,000; Construction of Service Reservoir, Mosman, £7,000; Sewerage Construction—Burren-street Stormwater Channel, Erskineville, £1,000; Hay Sewerage, £7,000; Lismore Sewerage, £6,000; City Low-level Sewerage Extension, £7,000; Darlington Sewerage, £9,500; Forbes Sewerage, £4,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Extension of Reticulation Mains, £10,000; Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Wallsend Water Supply—Reservoir, £1,500; Water Supply Reticulation, £5,000; Railways and Tramways—Railways—Rolling Stock to meet additional traffic and new lines, £175,000; Improvement of Grades and Curves, £25,000; Tramways—Additions to Lines, Workshops, Buildings, and for other purposes, £30,000.

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

13. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1902–1903, the sum of £2,226,400 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1902–1903; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed*.
Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31*st July*, 1902, *a.m.*

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after Six o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 *JULY*, 1902.

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

ARREST ON MESNE PROCESS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to arrest on mesne process,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31*st July*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Presbyterian Church Property Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he informed the Honorable Member for Wellington that it was not his intention to go on with the Presbyterian Church Property Bill, as there were law proceedings instituted?

(2.) Will he state if it is a fact that law proceedings are pending; and if so, who are the plaintiffs and who are the defendants in this case?

(3.) Can he also state the nature of the proceedings; if so, will he do so?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The Crown Solicitor has furnished the following information:—These Questions presumably relate to the two claims for compensation made by the legal trustees of the Pitt-street Presbyterian Church, in respect of the resumption of Church and School lands for the purpose of the City railway extension. The compensation money to be paid has been agreed upon at £23,980 between the Constructing Authority and the legal trustees by whom these claims are made, viz., Robert Mackey, Matthew McCulla, William Graham, John McLaughlin, and Stanley Cole. As, however, the *ex officio* trustees, viz., the Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly and the minister of the Pitt-street South Presbyterian congregation, have not joined in these claims, and as the trustees, as a whole, have no power to sell these lands without the concurrence of the General Assembly, which has been applied for but not granted, it is proposed to petition the Court in the usual course for leave to pay the above compensation moneys into Court. Papers have been prepared, and await money for that purpose.

(2.) Hours of Labour in Hospitals for the Insane:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Inspector-General of the Insane receive a deputation from the Public Service Association in April, 1902, with reference to the shortening of the daily hours of labour in the hospitals for the insane?

(2.) Did the Inspector-General of the Insane, during the months of January and February, 1902, receive protests from the whole of the hospitals for the insane in this State objecting to the lengthening of the daily hours of labour?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.)

(3.) Property Leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust to Messrs. Dalgety & Co. :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What number of stores are contained in the property at Miller's Point recently leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust to Messrs. Dalgety & Co. ?

(2.) What is the frontage and depth of land leased ?

(3.) What are the rents, separately, for stores, wharfs, and jetties ?

Sir John See answered,—The following replies have been furnished by the Sydney Harbour Trust :—

(1.) In addition to the new store which will be constructed by the Commissioners, the property will include, after some of the old buildings have been demolished, one brick and one stone store, as well as two sheds on the wharf.

(2.) The water frontage of the property is 1,100 feet, with a depth of 210 feet. The Merriman-street frontage is 156 feet, with a depth of 240 feet.

(3.) The rental of the new store will be equal to 4½ per cent. on the cost of construction, and the lessees will pay rates and taxes, insure the premises against fire, and keep them in good repair. In addition to the very large revenue which will be derived from wharfage rates payable on the goods landed at the wharf from the vessels consigned to Dalgety and Company, Limited, the Company will pay a rental of £2,500 per annum for exclusive occupation of the fixed berths. This rental will include the two old stores as well as the wharf.

(4.) Wages Paid to Tram Conductors :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the rates of wages paid to the various grades of tram conductors ?

(2.) Provided that his work is satisfactory, how long must a conductor serve before he is entitled to the first increase ?

(3.) What is the regular system followed in estimating the value of a conductor's claim for increase of wages ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed the wages are provided for in By-law No. 202, *Government Gazette* No. 74 of 1901.

(3.) Length of service and good conduct.

(5.) Overtime Worked by Employees, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board :—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of hours (special and ordinary) overtime worked by the employees of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board during the period from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902 ?

(2.) What remuneration, if any, has been paid to the said employees for overtime referred to ?

(3.) Have all the employees who worked overtime been paid for such work ; if not, why not ?

(4.) In view of the Answer given that the sum of £25 has been paid as a bonus to an officer of the Department for the previous year, is it a fact that a similar amount has been voted to the same officer during the present month ; if so, why ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—As it will take some time to prepare, this information can only be furnished in the form of a return, and it must therefore be moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Sunday Trading :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some shopkeepers have, during the last two and a half years, been fined almost every week, while others, who also kept their shops open on Sundays, have only been fined two or three times ?

(2.) Why are some shopkeepers fined as much as £3 while others are only fined 2s. 6d. or 5s. ?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—

(1.) Some shopkeepers have been more frequently proceeded against than others because they have openly and defiantly broken the law. Others who may have traded have taken precautions to evade detection.

(2.) This no doubt depends upon the nature of the offence and its repetition, as presented to the adjudicating Magistrates.

(7.) Narrabri-Walgett-Collarendabri Railway :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the prevailing drought, and the great necessity that exists for relieving the graziers in the arid north-western country, and for providing work for a large number of men who are waiting for employment on the Narrabri-Walgett-Collarendabri railway line, will he take advantage of the already large quantity of sleepers in hand to commence sleeper and plate laying immediately and thus expedite the completion of the first section of the line as far as Wee Waa ; also the construction of the remaining portion of the line to the terminal points ?

(2.) Can he state definitely when it is likely the first section of this line to Wee Waa will be open for traffic ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Arrangements have already been made to start plate-laying, and I have given instructions for preparation to be made to continue the remainder of the line, but the extra expense owing to the drought will be heavy.

(2.) In about three months.

(8.) Remarks made by Deputy-Comptroller of Prisons to Warders :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. McCauley, Deputy-Comptroller of Prisons, went up to Bathurst Gaol on or about the 18th July, and ordered all the warders to appear before him in a body ?

(2.) Is it also a fact that after they were lined up he lectured and threatened them in drastic terms for alleged communication with Honorable Members of this House ?

(3.) Is it a fact that Mr. McCauley ordered those who wanted a transfer to take one step to the front ?

(4.)

(4.) How many men did step out of the ranks?
(5.) Is it a fact that Mr. McCauley mentioned by name two Honorable Members of this House, or otherwise indicated who they were, and made an attack on them?
(6.) Will he state whether this was done by Mr. McCauley on his own responsibility, or with the consent of and by the authority of the Comptroller-General of Prisons?
(7.) Will he take such steps as will in future prevent attacks being made upon warders and Honorable Members of this House?

Sir John See answered,—
(1—6.) The Comptroller-General of Prisons has furnished the following information:—Certain statements, since proved to be of a more or less untruthful or misleading character, having been made irregularly to gentlemen not connected with the Prisons Department, Mr. McCauley, in the course of his regular inspection of the goal, directed the attention of the staff thereto, and reminded them of the procedure governing the cases of officers who had complaints to make. No attack was made on anybody. Mr. McCauley did not give any orders to step out of the ranks. Officers desiring transfers were invited to make it known, and three signified such desire, one subsequently withdrawing his request. The Comptroller-General quite approves of the action of his officer, who very properly directed the attention of the staff to the disciplinary requirements of the establishment, which had apparently been overlooked. It might be pointed out that a book is kept at every gaol, in which any warder is fully at liberty to write any complaint or suggestion for the consideration of the Comptroller-General, who is also accessible to every member of the staff on the occasions of his visits.
(7.) There does not appear to be any necessity for this action.

(9.) The Unemployed:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How many unemployed men were sent from Sydney at the commencement of July to work on the Temora-Wyalong railway?
(2.) How many of these men were discharged, and what was the reason for so discharging them?
(3.) Were not many of the men permitted merely to earn sufficient wages to pay railway fare, cost of tents, tools, provisions, &c., and then discharged?
(4.) Were local men and boys substituted for the Sydney men, who were left stranded in the country?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Sixty-one.
(2, 3, and 4.) It will be necessary to obtain replies to these Questions from the Resident Engineer, who will be asked to furnish answers, and upon receipt thereof I will communicate with the Honorable Member.

(10.) Case of Donohue *v.* Donohue, Supreme Court:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) *In re* previous Questions asked regarding the case of Donohue *v.* Donohue, was not every step taken by the Supreme Court in this case objected to and protested against, on the ground that it had not been granted a fair hearing?
(2.) In view of the fact that Questions 1 to 5 of 25th June do not refer, as stated, to "a dispute "between private persons, involving no matter of public interest," but to the administration of justice and the conduct of the business of the Supreme Court, which are matters of the highest public interest, will he say if the Answers supplied by a Minister sitting in another Chamber constitutes a fair reply to same?
(3.) Will he reconsider those Answers?
(4.) In reference to Question 6, will he answer same as to whether he will take steps to ascertain the intentions of the Federal Government as to the establishment of the High Court of Australia?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1, 2, and 3.) The previous Questions on this subject show that the misconduct alleged is that of certain attorneys, and, if this is correct (of which I have no knowledge), it can be investigated by the proper tribunals. If the complaint is against a Judge, there is a constitutional method of bringing this before Parliament, and such complaints ought not to be preferred by a method of insinuation in the form of Questions.
(4.) A Bill to establish the High Court is now before the Federal Parliament.

(11.) Outbreak of Plague:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total cost to the State in connection with the last outbreak of plague?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Treasury Books are not so kept as to enable a reply to be given to the Honorable Member's Question. The expenditure on account of plague during the last Financial Year (1901-2) was £16,090 3s. 8d.

(12.) Case of King *v.* The Kauri Timber Company, Limited:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Was the case of King *v.* The Kauri Timber Company, Limited, tried before Mr. Justice Pring during the last sittings of the Supreme Court?
(2.) Is it a fact that he nonsuited the plaintiff on the ground that there was no evidence to show that when the injury occurred the place was not fenced?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Judge denied that the question—"Was the plaintiff ordered to go under "the rotating shaft and gather sawdust and shavings"—was ever altered?
(4.) Is it a fact that the Judge also denied that the question was asked as to the fencing?
(5.) Is it a fact that, on the briefs of two counsel, it was shown that the question was asked?
(6.) Is it a fact that, with respect to the Question (4), counsel contended that the question was asked?

(7.)

(7.) Is it a fact that a plan put in evidence showed that there was no fencing at the place where the accident took place?
(8.) Is it a fact that the model tendered for identification by defendants, and upon which he solely based his cross-examination, showed there was a fence there?
(9.) Is it a fact that the Judge ruled that the words, "by reason of the promise in the 6th count "referred to, all the previous counts instead of the 6th, apparent from the context," and on that account nonsuited plaintiff?
(10.) As there was a doubt raised with respect to the question put to the plaintiff, viz., "Was "there any fence there at all?" (pointing to diagram 2 on the plan), is it not usual for the Judge himself to ask the plaintiff the question again, seeing that upon that point the plaintiff was nonsuited?

Sir John See answered,—I would remind the Honorable Member that no Government Department has means of obtaining information as to what took place at the trial of a civil case between two private persons, and that such information, even if it could be obtained, ought not to be given in the form of answers to Questions. Any error in a trial ought to be corrected by the Court of Appeal, and rulings of a Judge cannot be questioned by a Minister in answer to Questions in Parliament.

(13.) Fire Brigades Bill:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he intend to bring in the proposed Fire Brigades Bill?

Sir John See answered,—As soon as the course of public business will permit.

(14.) Betting Shops in Pitt and King Streets:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware of the presence of numerous betting shops in Pitt and King Streets, and numerous other thoroughfares?
(2.) Will he instruct the police to take the necessary steps to close these establishments?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) I am informed that betting shops are in existence in Sydney, but the number has been greatly reduced within the past year.
(2.) The police have been instructed to take proceedings with this view whenever possible.

(15.) City-road, Darlington:—*Mr. McNeill*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be good enough to take steps to have the City-road, Darlington, kept clean from dust and mud?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A gang has recently been employed in cleaning this length of road, and this work will continue to be attended to so far as funds made available for the road will admit of.

(16.) Historical Records:—*Mr. McNeill*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—To whom have copies of the Historical Records been issued gratis?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The preparation of the answer to the Honorable Member's Question will involve an examination of the records of the Government Printing Office for more than ten years. The information will, therefore, be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(17.) Leave of Absence to Railway Servants:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that, prior to the Government Railways Act, 1888, railway servants of more than twenty years' service were allowed one month's leave of absence on full pay in case of failing health?
(2.) Since that date has this provision been restricted, owing to the Department demanding that the certificate of the Railway Medical Officer be obtained before such leave is granted?
(3.) If so, will he see that the old regulations are reverted to?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed that such a concession was allowed.
(2 and 3.) The provision has not been restricted, the arrangement prior to the Commissioners taking office being conditional on the production of a medical certificate, and this is being continued.

3. Lease of the Kensington Racecourse:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 17th June, 1902, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

4. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for widening New South Head Road, Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting the value of kangaroo, wallaby, and opossum skins placed on the market during 1901.
(2.) Return respecting number of ex-students from the Agricultural Colleges who have settled upon the land as farmers.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SUNDAY TRADING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Meagher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th August.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Sunday Observance Bill, postponed until 21st October.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Justices (Fees) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to fees in respect of proceedings before justices; to enable the Governor to fix such fees; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, 31st *July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

(2.) Audit Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, 31st *July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

AUDIT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 31st *July*, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4. *After* line 34 *insert* "'Accounting Officer' means person declared by this Act "to be an Accounting Officer"
Page 3, clause 4, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "'Public Accountant' means person declared by this Act "to be a Public Accountant"
Omit "Public Accountant" and "Public Accountants" respectively wherever occurring in the Bill, and *insert* "Accounting Officer" and "Accounting Officers" in their place.
Page 13, clause 36, line 11. *After* "contract" *insert* "or"
Page 18, clause 49, line 45. *Omit* "decision" *insert* "disallowance or surcharge"

Examined,—
F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

8. STOCK ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stock Act, 1901.
Question put and passed.

9. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

10. EXPLOSION AT MOUNT KEMBLA COAL MINE—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See read to the House a telegram stating that an explosion had occurred in the Mount Kembla Coal Mine resulting in great loss of life, and moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Mr. Lee seconded the motion, and other Members having addressed the House,—
And the Members rising in their places, Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How many resumption claims have been settled up to 1st August, 1902, and the total amount thereof?
(2.) How many offers have been made and accepted to date; how many awaiting payment who have accepted the Government offers?
(3.) What is the total number of persons who have left their money at the Treasury; and what is the amount thereof of the deposits?
(4.) Has any decision been arrived at by the Cabinet in reference to a refund to people who are paying interest on mortgages whilst the Government are collecting the rents?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) 221, totalling £1,632,523 19s. 8d.
(2.) 540 offers made, of which 400 have been accepted; of the latter, 179 are awaiting payment.
(3.) Four persons; aggregate amount deposited, £139,000.
(4.) The Government has decided to pay off mortgages where requested by claimants to do so, provided the valuation exceeds the advance.

(2.) Electric Overhead Wires :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) How many accidents have occurred in Sydney through the breaking of the electric overhead wires in use in the present tramway system?
(2.) Are any precautions taken to thoroughly inspect these overhead wires; if not, will he, in view of the constantly-recurring accidents and apparently imminent danger, authorise such inspection to be made?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed that during the past seven years there have been eight instances in Sydney of the overhead trolley-wire falling to the ground. The recent case of a horse being killed in George-street West is the only instance where injury was inflicted. There have, however, been cases of horses injured and persons receiving shocks in connection with the falling of insecure wires, not the property of the tramways, across the tramway trolley-wire. The breakages amount, approximately, to one for every 1,500,000 tram miles of trams using the trolley-wire.
(2.) A regular close inspection of the whole of the trolley-wires is maintained, being started at break of day every morning.

(3.) Betting and Tote Shops :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the crusade against betting and "tote" shops been abandoned; if so, for what reasons?
(2.) Is he aware of the great nuisance caused to pedestrians and others by the congregation of patrons of these shops in Pitt-street, between Market and Park Streets, and will he give instructions for the rigid administration of the "move on" laws with a view to mitigate this nuisance?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies :—
(1.) No. During the past three months ten persons were proceeded against for breaches of the Betting Houses Suppression Act.
(2.) Yes. The police do their utmost to enforce the by-law, which is ineffective to satisfactorily abate the nuisance, as the majority of the offenders have no fixed place of abode and give wrong names. Eighty-eight summonses have been issued by the police during the last three months.

(4.)

(4.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have a Bill introduced this Session to extend the provisions of the Old-age Pension Act to those who suffer from that terrible affliction—blindness?

Sir John See answered,—I must admit that I do not think the old-age pension can cover all the ills and troubles that flesh is heir to; but I will give this matter my consideration.

(5.) Establishment of a Lock-up at Darlington:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to have a lock-up established at the northern end of Darlington without delay?

Sir John See answered,—The lock-up at Redfern is only about 1,100 yards from the Darlington Municipality, and there are lock-ups at Regent-street, Camperdown, and Newtown, but when funds are available the erection of additional watch-houses in the Metropolitan District will be considered.

(6.) Police Retirement:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his replies to Mr. P. H. Sullivan's Question *re* police retirement,—
(1.) What are the conditions of service that are different in England to New South Wales?
(2.) Will he have the law amended as suggested this Session?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Amongst others, the climate is more severe in England for police exposed in all weathers without variation in duties, and the work of the police at most country stations in New South Wales, though constant, is not physically so enervating or arduous as beat duty.
(2.) The law will be amended as early as practicable.

(7.) Inspection of Hospital Accounts, &c., by Audit Department:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the officers of the Audit Department regularly inspect the accounts of hospitals, benevolent asylums, and other institutions in receipt of Government subsidy?

Sir John See answered,—No, but by the officers of the Colonial Secretary's Department, as provided by the Public Institutions Inspection Act.

(8.) Government (Stock) Veterinary Surgeon:—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Government (Stock) Veterinary Surgeon is engaged to lecture at the Technical College, Ultimo, while holding another salaried position in the Civil Service?
(2.) What annual salary does he receive for his services to the Stock Department?
(3.) What remuneration does he receive for his services to the Technical College, Ultimo?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) It has been arranged, with the approval of the Public Service Board, for the Government (Stock) Veterinary Surgeon to deliver a course of lectures on "Meat Inspection" to the students of the Technical College who desire to qualify as sanitary and meat inspectors. He was selected on account of his special qualifications for the position. The lectures are delivered at night, and, consequently, do not interfere with his ordinary duties.
(2.) £325 per annum.
(3.) No remuneration from the State. His only emolument consists of the fees of students—£1 1s. each for complete course.

(9.) Liquor Bar, Orange Railway Station:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Newman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have sanctioned the erection of a liquor bar at the Orange railway refreshment rooms?
(2.) Is the Government aware that the townspeople and Municipal Councils are averse to a liquor bar at the Orange railway refreshment rooms?
(3.) Have representations been made from public bodies requesting a liquor bar at Orange?
(4.) Is it conducive, seeing the temptation to drivers, and guards, and other railway employees, to increase alcoholic drinking conditions at railway stations?
(5.) Although against the regulations, is it not a fact that railway employees, where liquor bars exist at the railway stations, are at times supplied with liquor?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) I understand that a limited number of local residents are against the proposal. The Commissioners made every inquiry as to the merits of this aspect of the matter before coming to a decision. It is to be borne in mind that it is not the local residents who are most concerned, but railway travellers who are passing through by train.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) It is necessary to provide reasonable facilities and conveniences for the comfort of the travelling public. The temptation to railway men is a remote contingency.
(5.) It is rare reports are made indicating a breach of the regulations, and if such were reported the matter would be seriously dealt with.

(10.) Hours of Labour, Police Force:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that police performing reserve duty at the Central Police Station are engaged only eight hours a day, whilst the police at all the other metropolitan stations are employed for twenty-four hours on continuous duty?
(2.) Will he give instructions that the eight hours a day system be carried out in the other metropolitan divisions?
(3.) Is it a fact that police engaged collecting Electoral Rolls in July, 1901, and the subsequent ones in April of this year, have not received the usual remuneration of 2s. per day?
(4.) If so, will he take steps to have this grievance remedied?
(5.) Is it a fact that the 2s. per day granted to the police for collecting the citizens' roll was reduced to 1s.?
(6.) If so, on whose recommendation was this done?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police :—

(1 and 2.) The station sergeants' duties have been for many years arranged by 24-hours' relief alternately, and as they can obtain some rest the duty is not over exacting; but as at the Central Station it is exceptionally heavy, it was decided that the duty should be divided into 8-hour reliefs, but the sergeants applied to revert to the old system, which I refused. At other stations the duty is more conveniently and economically arranged by 24-hour reliefs, and the station duty is preferred to ordinary work.

(3 and 4.) The duty was not over exacting, justifying additional pay. Originally the rolls had to be "collected," which is more difficult than "correction."

(5.) See reply to Questions 3 and 4.

(6.) The Inspector-General.

(11.) Holidays to Railway Employees :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the case of employees of the Railway Commissioners on their month's leave (due to them after twenty years' service), all public holidays accruing within that month are deducted from their following annual holiday?

(2.) If so, will he inform the House on whose authority and what grounds such holidays were stopped, with a view to reinstatement of same to employees who are entitled to them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that public holidays occurring during the month's leave are not allowed in addition.

(2.) This has been the custom since before the Commissioners took office.

(12.) Erection of Building for Police Department :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the plans prepared for the proposed buildings for the Police Department on the site between Elizabeth, Phillip, and Hunter Streets?

(2.) When is the work of demolition likely to be commenced, and the probable date that the new structure will be started?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Arrangements will be made at once to demolish the buildings now on the site, and tenders will be invited this month for the new structure.

2. Local Government Bill :—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from Edward Gallagher, Mayor, and Sydney G. Small, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Marsfield, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.

Petition received.

3. Papers :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1902.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Wentworth Falls.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Station-yard at Orelda.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for duplicating the Great Western Railway at Springwood.

(5.) Return to an Order made on 17th June, 1902,—"Railway Appeal Board."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Tank at Crookwell, for Railway Water Supply purposes.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Public Health Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*) :—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.			Noes, 12.
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Davidson,
Sir John See,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Brinor,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Law,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. McGowen,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Coleman.	*Tellers,*
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Newman,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Whiddon.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomson.	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Frank Farnell,		
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Clara,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Public Health and the prevention of the spread of disease.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to Public Health and the prevention of the spread of disease,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5*th August*, 1902.

5. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for a reform of the Constitution of this State in the direction of placing the Government of the country entirely in the hands of the elected representatives of the people, and that to attain this object it is necessary that the Legislative Council should be "abolished."
Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "abolished" and inserting the word "elected" instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hogue moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

6. MINISTERS' SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce and determine the salaries of Ministers of the Crown, and other officers of the Executive Government; to amend Schedule (I) to the Act 18 and 19 Victoria c. 54; to repeal the Act 20 Victoria No. 18; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.	Noes, 46.		
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dacey,	Sir John See,
Mr. Power.	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Hollis,
Tellers,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Affleck.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. McFarlane,
	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
	Mr. Briner,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Williams,
	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Macdonald,
	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Waddell.
	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Scobie,	*Tellers,*
	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Jones,	
	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sleath,
	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. McNeill.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) New Central Railway Station:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men are engaged at the new Central railway station?
(2.) Is there any reason why greater expedition is not made with the work?
(3.) Is he aware that the delay will bring the day-labour system into disrepute?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) 170.
(2.) The Honorable Member is probably not aware of what has been done. The preparation of plans for a work of the magnitude and complication of the Central railway station necessarily takes a long time, and the foundation plans have not long been completed. The excavation and concreting for foundations has been started, and fully 1,000 cubic yards have been put in. Arrangements have been made so that before Monday next forty masons will be employed, and this number will shortly be doubled.
(3.) I cannot admit that there has been any unnecessary delay.

(2.) State Labour Bureau:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that a man named Whitty, who was only one month out of work, and registered No. 1,135 at the State Labour Bureau, has received labouring work in preference to men whose numbers range from 900 upwards, and who have been three and five months out of work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Whitty, who is registered as a concreter, was notified to report at work as "emergency man," in his rotation, on 14th ultimo. He had not previously received work from the State Labour Board. There are still pick-and-shovel men whose registration numbers are under 1,000 who have not yet received employment.

(3.) Election of a Federal Member to the State Parliament:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the clause adopted in the Federal Electoral Bill, debarring a State Member from nomination or election to the House of Representatives, will he take steps to introduce an amendment of our State electoral law, having for its object the elimination of the clause which debars a Federal Member from nomination or election to the State Parliament?
(2.) Does he regard such restrictions as an interference with the liberty of the subject, and an infringement on the free choice of the electors?

Sir John See answered,—This matter was referred to last night on the motion for the adjournment of the House. I promised then to have the matter looked into, and I am now in communication with the Federal Government, and hope to bring about a modification of the law as it exists at the present time.

(4.) Mining for Gold or other Minerals:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it held by his Department that the conversion of a goldfield's reserve or any portion of a reserve into improvement lease, under the Lands Act, debars the *bonâ fide* miner holding a miner's right from entering such land to mine for gold or other minerals?
(2.) Is the privilege of the miner under such conditions hampered further than is the case where goldfield's lands are let under annual leasing conditions?
(3.) Where such lands are converted into conditional purchases, conditional leases, or settlement leases is it held that the *bonâ fide* miner may enter by legal right other than under mining on private property provisions?
(4.) The same question in regard to residential lease?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) It is held that the granting of an improvement lease over a gold-field does not debar the holder of a miner's right from mining thereon.

(2.) No.

(3.) All conditionally purchased lands are open to the operation of the Mining on Private Lands Acts. Conditionally leased lands are so open after being brought under the provisions of those Acts by proclamation so far as mining for gold, silver, lead, tin, and antimony is concerned. With regard to other minerals, lands conditionally purchased since 30th September, 1889, and all land conditionally leased are subject to authority to dig and search in terms of the Mining Act of 1889. Land held as settlement leases may be entered upon for prospecting purposes under authority granted by the Minister for Mines.

(4.) Residential leaseholds may be entered upon for prospecting purposes under authority granted by the Minister for Mines.

(5.) Pastoral and Homestead Lessees:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In view of the existing drought, and losses consequent thereupon, will he permit lessees (pastoral and homestead) in the Western Division to pay their rents (due on various dates) at any time prior to the 31st December, 1902, without fine?

(2.) In considering this matter, will he keep in view the fact that although these lessees may have applied to come in under the Western Lands Act no appraisement of provisional rent has yet been made, and the old rates are still subsisting?

Mr. Crick answered,—In connection with this matter, lessees ought to remember that the law imposes a penalty of 5 per cent. per annum for late payments, and that the Western Lands Act offered them special advantages. All I can say at present is that the practice is to deal generously with all Crown tenants, and that I am willing to consider cases on their merits.

(6.) Forestry Regulations:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In reference to the Forestry regulations, has it come under his notice that in the inland districts the royalty system is most irksome and restrictive, especially to lessees from the Crown desiring to utilise by sale timber on their holdings and on reserves adjacent thereto?

(2.) Will he consider the expediency of simplifying these regulations in regard to the interior districts by merely providing for adequate licenses?

(3.) In view of the restrictive influence of the drought upon the pursuits of inland settlers, will he consider the expediency of an immediate alteration of the regulations so that the timber industry shall not further suffer?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) No, and it has to be borne in mind that lessees are not entitled to sell the timber on lands rented from the Crown unless they obtain licenses and pay royalty.

(2.) There is every desire to simplify matters as far as possible, but it would be difficult to regulate and vary the price of licenses so as to meet the discordant views of different persons. A royalty charge is the more equitable system, as the amount paid varies with the quantity of timber.

(3.) I cannot promise to alter the regulations. The severity of the drought is recognised, but it is the drought, and not the regulations, which is answerable for some of the present difficulties. It is time to recognise that the State has not received any adequate return for its timbers, and an analysis of the figures of the last twenty-five years shows that the expenditure exceeded the receipts.

(7.) Proposed Tramway from Arncliffe to Kingsgrove and Bexley:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet obtained his promised report from one of his staff on the proposed tramway from Arncliffe to Kingsgrove and Bexley?

(2.) If not, will he instruct his officers to expedite the same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have not forgotten the matter, and will have a report prepared as soon as the services of an officer are available.

(8.) Improving the Northern Rivers:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount voted, and the sum expended up to 30th June last, on improving the Tweed River, the Richmond River, the Macleay River, the Clarence River, the Manning River, giving the expenditure on each separately?

(2.) If possible, will he give the approximate cost to complete the work contemplated on each of these rivers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

Work.	Amount of Votes.	Expenditure to 30 June, 1902.	To complete work authorised (approximate).
	£	£	£
Tweed River	75,600	70,132	12,768*
Richmond River	324,395	249,140	107,210
Macleay River	62,402	60,772	58,728*
Clarence River	260,521	251,409	2,891†
Manning River	80,860	79,547	53,453*

* Further extensions may be required hereafter. † Southern Breakwater extension, now before Public Works Committee; Northern Breakwater, now before Parliament.

(9.)

(9.) Public Holidays :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the increasing number of public holidays is causing great public inconvenience and dissatisfaction ?

(2.) Will the Government consider the advisability of restricting the number of holidays in future, and of providing particularly that the Bank holiday which is recognised on the 1st day of August is not again observed as a public holiday in this State ?

(3.) Were all country public offices closed on Monday last as well as those in Sydney ?

(4.) As Public Schools were closed in Sydney and suburbs on Monday last, why were country schools also closed ?

(5.) Is it his intention to proclaim Saturday next, 9th August, a public holiday, thus making the second holiday in one week ?

(6.) What is the cost of each holiday in salaries to every branch of Government employees ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This cannot be done without an amendment of the Act.

(3 and 6.) This information can only be obtained after communicating with each Department.

(4.) So far as I am aware, country schools were not closed on Monday last.

(5.) This has already been done.

(10.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The total sum paid to old-age pensioners throughout the State during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1902 ?

(2.) The cost of administering the Act during the same period ?

(3.) The amount paid to the Bank of New South Wales during the same period as commission ?

(4.) Will he ascertain whether the Savings' Bank could not disburse the fund quite as effectively and at a far less cost ?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Bank of New South Wales not only gets commission for merely paying the money, but can also claim compensation if the Government ceases to pay the bank as agent in the matter ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) £436,202 1s.

(2.) Exclusive of £6,975 10s. 5d., bank's commission, the cost of administration was £9,543 3s. 6d., this including £6,928 12s. 11d. expenses of District Boards.

(3.) During the financial year 1901–2, £6,975 10s. 5d.

(4.) The whole question of mode of payment is under consideration. The present law restricts the method of payment.

(5.) An arrangement was made with the Bank of New South Wales in June, 1901, for a period of two years, subject to compensation being allowed to the bank for the amount expended in material alterations to meet the requirements of the staff employed, but with this proviso—that the amount payable for compensation for material alterations will not exceed £1,000.

(11.) Gymnasium in the Domain :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Upon whose recommendation, or by whose authority, was the gymnasium recently erected in the Domain, and at what cost ?

(2.) If gymnastic exercise is, as alleged, a boon to the physical development of children and the protection of public health, will he see that steps are taken to have every Superior and large Public School throughout the State provided with a suitable gymnasium erected in the playground of such school ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) By authority of the Chief Secretary, on the recommendation of the Director of the Botanic Gardens. The total expenditure has been about £100, including fencing.

(2.) I am not prepared to do this at present.

(12.) Travelling of Stock :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has it been brought under his notice that in several instances recently drivers of starving sheep have been prosecuted and fined for not travelling same each day the distance required by law ?

(2.) In one case recently was not the defence set up by a drover of 5,000 such sheep "that they "were so poor that even at the rate they were travelled many were left behind, and if he had to "proceed the required distance he would not have 1,000 left" ?

(3.) Will he cause instructions to be conveyed to his officers to the effect that they show the utmost leniency towards drovers in all drought-stricken portions of the State in the matter of enforcing the provisions of the Act relating to the travelling of stock ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Only in very few instances have any drovers been proceeded against for travelling sheep, and only those for committing most flagrant violations of the Act.

(2.) A drover of over 5,000 sheep was proceeded against at the solicitation of owner of run on whom they were glaringly trespassing, the sheep being driven all in one flock.

(3.) Instructions have already been given to all inspectors to show the utmost leniency towards drovers during present drought.

(13.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that, though their first year's certificates have expired, no new certificates have yet been issued to many original old-age pensioners, and that, in consequence, they have been unable to draw their pensions for the month of August ?

(2.) Will he urge the Department to accelerate the issue of these same certificates?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) There are a number of cases in which pension certificates for the second year, payments commencing in August, have not yet been issued by the District Boards, who are compelled by law to reinvestigate the claims of pensioners every twelve months. In most cases, however, the pensioners are themselves responsible for the delay, as they failed to supply the information required by law, or delayed such information. The period allowed for investigation is too limited, and is insufficient for the work required, and Parliament will be asked to amend the law so as to give more time for investigation.

(2.) The Department has been making every effort to accelerate the work.

(14.) Harbouring or Sheltering Murderers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—If it be a fact that any person who harbours or shelters the Shepherd-street, or other murderers, is liable under the law, as it present exists, to penal servitude for life, will he have the information circulated through the Press and the *Government Gazette* as a warning to all concerned?

Sir John See answered,—Yes; and public attention has already been directed to the liability of accessories after the fact to murders, &c.

(15.) Royalty Charges on Timber:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he any knowledge of the alleged shutting down of several sawmills in this State, in consequence of the royalty charge on timber being enforced under the new regulations?

(2.) What was the revenue last year, under the old system, from license fees and royalties; and what is it calculated that the new charges will return during the current year?

(3.) How do these charges (license fees and royalties) compare with the same charges as operating in New Zealand and the other States of the Federation?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) I have seen in the Press statements that certain sawmills were shutting down in consequence of the royalty charges, but inquiry failed to establish the truth of these statements. A large quantity of timber was felled in some districts before the new regulations came into force, and evidently to evade the new charges. It would not be surprising, therefore, to find (especially when the effects of the drought are considered) that a period of slight repose has followed the period of special activity which the prospect of the new regulations called forth.

(2.) £19,813; about £50,000.

(3.) I will have inquiry made. I may say in reply to Honorable Members that I will not alter these regulations until they have had a trial.

(16.) "A" Battery, R.A.A., who went to South Africa:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were the officers and men of "A" Battery, R.A.A., who went to South Africa, promised both Imperial and Australian pay?

(2.) Is it a fact that the men received the two rates of pay in South Africa and the officers did not; if so, why was a difference made between officers and men?

(3.) Did the British Government send the Imperial pay to the State Government for the officers?

(4.) If so, and the money has not been paid to them, has it been refunded to the Imperial Government; if not, what has become of it?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No; the men only were allowed to draw their New South Wales permanent soldiers' rate of pay, 2s. 3d. per diem, and the Imperial rate of 1s. 2½d. per diem.

(2.) Yes; the men received both rates of pay. The reason for the difference was because the aggregate of both rates of pay only amounted to 3s. 5½d. per diem, as against the New South Wales rate of 4s. 6d. per diem granted to men volunteering for active service with the State South African Contingents; and that permanent officers were allowed full pay, plus allowances, which exceeded the ordinary rates payable to officers who volunteered under Australian South African Contingent rates.

(3.) The British War Authorities did remit certain moneys to the New South Wales Government, accompanied by remittance rolls, showing the amounts that would have been payable to such New South Wales permanent officers had they served under the same conditions regarding pay as the volunteer officers.

(4.) The moneys referred to have not been refunded to the Imperial Government. They have been transferred to revenue.

(17.) Tug-boats, Harbours and Rivers Department:—Mr. McNeill asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that when the tug-boats of the Harbours and Rivers Department have to go to sea, that the captain, engineer, and deck hands have to work twelve hours per day, while they only receive payment for eight hours; and, if so, will he endeavour to have this system rectified?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—In the coastal trade it is usual for the crew of a vessel to take watch and watch about when at sea, and Regulation 230 under the Public Service Act provides that the coastal practice in this respect shall apply to the Dredge Service steamers under like conditions. The men receive a day's pay for every day or part of a day they are so employed, together with an allowance for provisions.

(18.) Government Subsidy to Country Hospitals:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the subsidy granted by Government to country hospitals given on the understanding that these institutions admit patients taken there by the police?

(2.) If so, is it held that a policeman, except in cases of accident or extreme urgency, is a capable judge of the fitness for admission to a local hospital of any person whose reception might be attended with very great danger to other patients by reason of infection or other causes?

(3.) Has he considered the advisableness of leaving the question of the admission of police patients, other than accident and urgent cases, to the Local Government Medical Officer?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2 and 3.) The police are instructed to take sick persons in their charge to a subsidised hospital when such an institution is available and transport of the patient to it possible; they are examined at the hospital by some member of its medical staff. Such hospitals are required to maintain accommodation for at least two cases of infectious disease.

(19.) Tender for the Supply of Heliographic Papers:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the Tender Board recently accepted a tender for the supply of heliographic papers?
(2.) If so, were tenderers asked to supply samples of paper of sufficient sizes for testing quality of same?
(3.) Were tests carried out; and, if so, what was their nature?
(4.) Is it correct, taking the previous year's consumption of these papers, that, at the various prices quoted, the unsuccessful competitor's tender works out £10 cheaper than that of the successful tenderer?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) All necessary tests were carried out.
(4.) Calculated upon the basis of probable requirements for the current year, the tender accepted was the lowest; but in arriving at a decision, elements other than those of price merely had to be, and were, taken into consideration.

(20.) Committal for Trial of John Alexander Smith:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to a case heard at the Nowra Police Court on 22nd July last, when John Alexander Smith was committed for trial for alleged criminal libel published by way of advertisement in the *Shoalhaven News*?
(2.) If so, is any explanation forthcoming of the reason which induced the Department of Justice to instruct an officer from the Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney, to appear for the prosecution in a Police Court case which appears on the face of it to be of a trivial character?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The case being *sub judice*, I can at present give no answer to this Question.

(21.) Returned South African Soldiers:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he ascertain from the Military Authorities if promises were made to returned South African soldiers that they would be given indulgence passages by the first returning troopship from Australia to the Cape?
(2.) If so, is it true that the authorities now refuse to redeem their promise to returned soldiers wishing to go back to South Africa?
(3.) Will he also ascertain if there are any men who have not yet received their deferred pay; and, if so, why the money is withheld from them?

Sir John See answered,—
(1 and 2.) This matter is in the hands of the Federal Authorities, whom, I am informed, are in communication with the South African Government on the subject.
(3.) No moneys are withheld. Payments are now only made upon remittances from South Africa, which are paid immediately upon receipt.

2. Claim of William Richard Gainford against the Department of Navigation:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from W. R. Gainford, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances in connection with Petitioner's claim against the Department of Navigation, in regard to the ship "Fanny Fisher," and praying to be represented by counsel or attorney before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. Timber Regulations:—Mr. Meagher presented a Petition from W. Rob. Baker, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Mullumbimby, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the removal of disabilities under which those engaged in the timber industries have laboured; that Petitioners view with concern the alienation of forest lands by the Crown; that the Crown Lands Act of 1884 confers power upon the Crown sufficient to deal with every phase of the question; that the new regulations are prejudicial to the industry; that the collection of royalties should be upon the output of the mills; that the Forestry Branch of the Lands Department should be removed to the Timber Branch of the Public Works Department; that regulations based on the suggestions of the Forestry Conference held in October, 1890, should be adopted; and praying for consideration.
Petition received.

4. Papers:—
Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulations under the Blockholders Act.
(2.) Amended Timber and Quarry Regulations.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting Eight-hours System on Railways and Tramways.
(2.) Return showing coal hauled from Elermore Vale Colliery, 21st to 26th July, 1902, and weighed at Hamilton.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Rockdale.

(2.) Return showing number of wharf labourers killed or injured during the last five years while following their occupation.

(3.) Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1881.

(4.) Report of the Fisheries Commissioners for the year 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SUNDAY TRADING BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Whitney Estate Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 12th August.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903, *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31*st July*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Drainage Promotion Act of* 1901,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

8. AUDIT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales.*"

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9. ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 62.			Noes, 9.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Sir John See,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Gormly,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Young.	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Estell,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hollis,		
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Cohen.	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,		
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Moxham,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time.

Sir

Sir John See then moved, That the Bill do now *pass*.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 62.			Noes, 10.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Levy,
Sir John See,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Norton
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Winchcombe.
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. McNeill,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Young,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Cohen.	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Estell,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hollis,		
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Daley,	
Mr. Nielson,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Briner.	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Collins,		
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Webster,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to 'consolidate' the enactments relating to arbitration.*"

Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "consolidate" and inserting the words "slightly amend" instead thereof.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Carroll, Mr. Norton, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Winchcombe, and Mr. Wright.

Sir John See then moved, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to arbitration,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end of Message the words, "and this House expresses the hope that greater care will, in future, be exercised in the consolidating measures against any deliberate or inadvertent amendments."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.	Noes, 41.		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. O'Sullivan.	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Briner.	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. McFarlane,
Tellers,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gilbert.
	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Cann,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith.	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nielsen.
	Mr. Anderson,	Sir John See,	
	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Brunker,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the usual Message,—then put and passed.

10. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McGowen,
Sir John See,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. O'Conor.

Tellers,

Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Davidson.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Carroll,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the better regulation of the Public Service.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the better regulation of the Public Service,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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11. CONSTITUTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mahony moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 41" instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Wright,
Sir John See,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Meagher.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Nobbs.

Tellers,

Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Winchcombe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question proposed,—That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate continued.
Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 22.
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Moore,
Sir John See,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Rose.	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Dight,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Fallick.
Mr. Meagher,		
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	
Mr. Law,	Mr. Scobie.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 19.
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Affleck,
Sir John See,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Rose.	
Mr. Winchcombe,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Brunker,		
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Law.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Sir John See,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Young.

Tellers,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Power.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. J. F. Smith.

Tellers,
Mr Webster,
Mr. Kelly.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Power,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Law,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

Tellers,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hawthorne.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Daley.

Tellers,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Mahony.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Parliamentary electorates and elections.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Parliamentary electorates and elections,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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13. BILLIARDS AND BAGATELLE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.	Noes, 46.	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Law,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Carroll,	*Tellers*,
Mr. J. F. Smith.	Mr. Hogue,	
Tellers,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Winchcombe,
	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Dacey.	Mr. Coleman,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Carroll, Mr. Norton, Mr. Levy, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Daley, and Mr. O'Conor.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the keeping of billiard tables and bagatelle boards.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the keeping of billiard tables and bagatelle boards,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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14. STANDARD TIME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the establishment of a standard of time in the State of New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the establishment of a standard of time in the State of New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 6th August, 1902.

15. USURY, BILLS OF LADING, AND WRITTEN MEMORANDA BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to usury, interest, and to certain instruments and contracts.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to usury, interest, and to certain instruments and contracts,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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16. General Legal Procedure Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Crick, *passed*.
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to legal procedure.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to legal procedure,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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17. Sydney Corporation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Crick, *passed*.
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 6th August, 1902.

18. Width of Streets and Lanes Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Crick, *passed*.
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of the width of streets and lanes, and certain other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of the width of streets and lanes, and certain other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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19. Public Parks Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 49.			Noes, 17.
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Sir John See,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. E. M. Clark.	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Richards,		Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Briner.	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Evans,		Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Scobie,		Mr. Daley,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Coleman,		Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. T. R. Smith,		Mr. Fallick.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,		*Tellers,*
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Edden,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Mahony,		Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Law,		Mr. Sullivan.
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Collins,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for the better regulation and protection of public parks or places of public recreation, and of lands dedicated, purchased, or resumed for public purposes; for bringing certain lands within the operations of such enactments; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for the better regulation and protection of public parks or places of public recreation, and of lands dedicated, purchased, or resumed for public purposes; for bringing certain lands within the operation of such enactments; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 6th August, 1902.

20. CATTLE SLAUGHTERING AND DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the slaughtering of cattle, the destruction of animals dying of disease, and diseased animals and meat.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the slaughtering of cattle, the destruction of animals dying of disease, and diseased animals and meat,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1902.

21. SYDNEY ABATTOIR AND NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a Public Abattoir or place for the slaughtering of cattle for the city of Sydney, and to the licensing of slaughter-houses within the city and suburbs of Sydney, and for the prevention of other nuisances within the same.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a Public Abattoir or place for the slaughtering of cattle for the city of Sydney, and to the licensing of slaughter-houses within the city and suburbs of Sydney, and for the prevention of other nuisances within the same,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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22. SYDNEY MINT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Power moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Jessop,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Young,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Holman.
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Sir John See,	Mr. Broughton.	Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. McLaurin,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Power,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Quinn.	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Sullivan,		Mr. Law,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr.

Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Broughton,
Sir John See,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Law,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Jones.	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Evans,		Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Young,	Mr. McCoy,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Archer,	Mr. D. R. Hall.	Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Richards,		Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Scobie,		Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nelson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Mint.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Mint,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1902.

23. JUSTICES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, to proceedings before and in the nature of appeal from, and to proceedings against such magistrates and justices; and to other matters in connection therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, to proceedings before and in the nature of appeal from, and to proceedings against such magistrates and justices; and to other matters in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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24. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of the Title," instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the *re*-consideration of the Title,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2°, with an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

25. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Promotions:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) When it was first arranged for the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII to take place on 26th June, was it the intention of the Government to reward certain meritorious and deserving police officers of this State in commemoration of the event?
(2.) As owing to the serious illness of His Majesty the King, which caused the postponement of the Coronation, is it the intention of the Government to recommend such promotions to mark this event when it takes place?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies:—
(1.) I am not aware of any such intention.
(2.) There is no provision, nor are there any vacancies to admit of such a course.

(2.) Rifles for the Lawson Rifle Corps:—*Mr. Archer*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that several applications have been made to the Military Department for rifles for the Lawson Rifle Corps?
(2.) Is it possible to get the rifles asked for?
(3.) If so, when will they be supplied?

Sir John See answered,—This is a matter which rests with the Federal Government.

(3.) Proposed Railway from Emu Plains to Kurrajong:—*Mr. Archer*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) The distance from Emu Plains to Kurrajong by Surveyor Townsend's trial survey route, Emu Plains to Rylstone?
(2.) The distance from Emu Plains to Weeney Creek by Surveyor Townsend's surveyed line, Emu Plains to Rylstone?
(3.) The estimated cost of proposed railway, as per Townsend's survey, to nearest point to Kurrajong or Weeney Creek?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Approximately 16 miles.
(2.) Approximately 23¼ miles.
(3.) No estimate has been prepared.

(4.) Lawson Railway Station:—*Mr. Archer*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the contractor for stations along the Western line has received instructions to build the Leura station before proceeding with the most important station on the mountains—Lawson?
(2.) Will he give instructions to have the Lawson platform and station proceeded with at once?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed it is not a fact.
(2.) The terms of contract provide for all the stations being completed on same date.

(5.) Viaduct between Penrith and the Nepean River:—*Mr. Archer*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the timber taken out of the wooden viaduct between Penrith station and the Nepean River is very much decayed and eaten by white ants?

(2.) How many stays have been placed under the girders of above viaduct to strengthen the structure?

(3.) Do the Railway Commissioners intend keeping men continually looking after this very dangerous viaduct?

(4.) When do the Commissioners intend starting the erection of a new viaduct?

(5.) As this is a very important work, can nothing be done to hurry the work of erecting the new viaduct by putting down the cylinders or abutments?

(6.) As hundreds of people who are compelled to travel by train over the above viaduct are in a state of fear, will the Commissioners take every precaution to prevent an accident taking place?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to answers already given to Questions from him on this matter, viz.:—29th October, 11th December, 1901, and 17th June, 1902. The Railway Commissioners are quite alive to their responsibilities, and take every and constant care that the travelling public run no risk.

(6.) Contract for the Supply of School Materials:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What firm has the contract for supplying books, stationery, &c., to the Public Schools?

(2.) How long has such contract been in existence?

(3.) Are tenders regularly called for the supply of these school materials?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Brooks & Co. have contract for supplying reading books, and Messrs. Collins & Co. have the contract for stationery, &c.

(2.) Messrs. Brooks & Co's. since 1st June, 1898, Messrs. Collins & Co's. since 1st January, 1899.

(3.) Yes.

(7.) Destruction of Timber on Crown Lands:—Mr. MacMahon asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that valuable timber is being destroyed in a wholesale manner on reserves and other Crown lands by being cut down for purpose of feeding stock?

(2.) Will he issue instructions to local officers to take immediate steps to prevent this abuse, as lopping will better meet the purpose, and the trees will be preserved for future use?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Representations have been made.

(2.) This has already been done, and in any permits granted to cut fodder for starving stock lopping, instead of felling, is insisted upon.

(8.) Proposed Railway from Walcha-road to Walcha:—Mr. MacMahon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at an early date, submit to the Public Works Committee, for inquiry and report, the proposed railway extension from Walcha-road to Walcha, as promised last Session?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Cabinet has not yet had an opportunity to discuss and decide what railway proposals shall be considered this Session, and until this is done I am unable to give a definite reply to the Honorable Member's Question; but I may say that the matter will not be overlooked.

(9.) Amendment of the Public Service Act, 1895:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he bring in a Bill this Session to amend clause 37 of the Public Service Act, 1895?

Sir John See answered,—An Amending Public Service Bill is now being prepared.

(10.) Travelling Expenses of Judges and Crown Prosecutors:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount per day is allowed in the shape of travelling expenses to (*a*) Supreme Court Judges; (*b*) District Court Judges; (*c*) Crown Prosecutors; and (*d*) Associates to the Judges?

(2.) What amount, in the shape of travelling expenses, was paid during 1901, or such part thereof as they may have occupied judicial positions, to Chief Justice Darley, Judges M. H. Stephen, W. Owen, G. B. Simpson, H. E. Cohen, A. H. Simpson, W. G. Walker, C. E. R. Murray, A. P. Backhouse, F. E. Rogers, E. B. Docker, G. H. Fitzhardinge, F. W. Gibson, and C. G. Heydon respectively?

(3.) Are all Judges, when travelling, allowed a free pass on the railways?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be prepared in the shape of a return and laid upon the Table in due course.

(11.) Bridge over the Lachlan River at Goolagong:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sum of money was voted for the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan River at Goolagong?

(2.) What was the Departmental estimate for the work in question?

(3.) What date were tenders called for the above work?

(4.) The name of lowest tenderer, and amount of tender?

(5.) The reason why the lowest tender was not accepted?

(6.) Does the Department intend proceeding with the work; if not, will the lowest tenderer be recompensed for trouble and outlay?

(7.) Will he guarantee in future that the lowest tender be accepted if within the Departmental estimate of cost?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No money has been voted for this work.
(2.) £12,000.
(3.) Tenders were invited 12th June, 1901. Fresh tenders invited 30th December, 1901.
(4.) Messrs. Curtis and Foord, £10,701, on 25th November, 1901. Messrs. Curtis and Foord, £11,406, on 10th February, 1902.
(5.) For the reason that Messrs. Curtis and Foord withdrew their tender on 28th November, 1901. On the second occasion, it was decided by Cabinet that the erection of this bridge must stand over until it is authorised by a special vote of Parliament.
(6 and 7.) The question of the erection of a less expensive bridge at this place is now under consideration. No, this is not the custom; nor have tenderers any claim.

(12.) Registration of Stonemasons:—Mr. Moxham asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that before a stonemason will be allowed to register at the State Labour Board, he must first obtain a letter from the Secretary of the Stonemasons' Association?
(2.) If this is so, will he cause these instructions to be discontinued?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This is correct, so far as it applies to members of the Stonemasons' Union. Non-union stonemasons may register upon personal application.

(13.) Government Loans:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Of the £10,000,000 of loans raised by the Government during the past two years, what amount has been devoted to paying off matured loans?

Sir John See answered,—14 Debentures, £1,328,312; Treasury Bills, £997,500; Advances made in the years 1895 and 1897 to the General Loan Account, repaid, £1,550,000. Total paid off, £3,875,812.

(14.) Loss from Drought:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Can he or his Department form any probable or approximate estimate of the loss the pastoral industry of the State of New South Wales has sustained in the shape of sheep, wool, lambs, cattle, and horses, during the present disastrous drought?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is not possible at present to form any probable or approximate estimate.

(15.) Department of Forestry:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What was the revenue last financial year derived from (*a*) timber licenses; and (*b*) timber royalties?
(2.) What was the cost incurred in the administration of the Department of Forestry?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) (*a*) £6,089 17s.; (*b*) £12,561 2s. 6d.; in addition, miscellaneous revenue amounted to £1,162 2s. 6d. Total revenue, £19,813 1s.
(2.) £5,627 4s. 9d., exclusive of the proportion of cost of the services of officers filling the dual position of Conditional Purchase Inspector and Forester, an amount which is difficult to estimate.

(16.) Fees and Travelling Expenses paid to Medical Men:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What scale of fees and travelling expenses are paid to medical men by the Board of Health?
(2.) What scale of fees and travelling expenses are paid to medical men who are compelled to attend coroners' inquests in country districts?
(3.) Will he alter the law, and thus make more liberal the payments in the latter case, by bringing the fees and travelling allowances into line with those paid by the Board of Health?

Sir John See answered,—Fees paid to medical witnesses compelled to attend the Coroner's Courts are prescribed by Act of Parliament; but by Executive regulation power is given to the Chief Medical Officer of the Government to pay in addition a special mileage rate on recommendation of the Coroner when the distance travelled to the scene of inquest has exceeded 20 miles. The inequality of this regulation as compared with the mileage rate allowed to Government Medical Officers whose services are requisitioned by the police has been recognised, and a fresh regulation, under which the special allowance may be paid when the distance travelled has exceeded 3 miles, has been made the subject of a recommendation by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government.

(17.) Costs Incurred by Federation:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has he noticed that the Premier of Victoria stated on Tuesday night that "Federation cost "Victoria directly in money out of pocket £426,937, which excludes the indirect cost, same being "almost impossible to estimate"?
(2.) Has he made any calculation as to what actual direct cost to New South Wales has been incurred by the system of Federation now permanently inflicted upon us?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Paragraphs appeared in the morning papers of the 6th instant, giving certain figures as indicated, but it is not known upon what basis they were calculated.
(2.) No.

(18.) Case of King *v.* The Kauri Timber Company, Limited:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Was the case of King *v.* The Kauri Timber Company, Limited, tried before Mr. Justice Pring during the last sittings of the Supreme Court?
(2.) Is it a fact that he nonsuited the plaintiff on the ground that there was no evidence to show that where the injury occurred the place was not fenced?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Judge denied that the question—"Was the plaintiff ordered to go under "the rotating shaft and gather sawdust and shavings"—was ever asked?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Judge also denied that the question was asked as to the fencing?
(5.) Is it a fact that, on the briefs of two counsel, it was shown that the question No. 3 was asked?
(6.) Is it a fact that, with respect to the Question (4), counsel contended that the question was asked?
(7.) Is it a fact that a plan put in evidence showed that there was no fencing at the place where the accident took place?
(8.) Is it a fact that the model tendered for identification by defendants, and upon which he solely based his cross-examination, showed there was no fence there?
(9.) Is it a fact that the Judge ruled that the words, "by reason of the premises in the 6th count, "referred to all the previous counts instead of the 6th only, apparent from the context," and for that reason nonsuited plaintiff?
(10.) As there was a doubt raised with respect to the question put to the plaintiff, viz., "Was "there any fence there at all?" (pointing to diagram 2 on the plan), is it not usual for the Judge himself to ask the plaintiff the question again, seeing that upon that point the plaintiff was nonsuited?

Sir John See answered,—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the reply given by me to these Questions on the 31st ultimo.

(19.) Old-age Pensions Board, Dungog District:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What are the names of the members of the Old-age Pensions Board, Dungog District?
(2.) The amount paid to each in fees?
(3.) The number of pensions granted by that Board?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Messrs. George Atkin, Frederick Augustus Hooke, J.P., and Dr. Charles Stanser Bowker.
(2.) Mr. G. Atkin, £18 18s.; Mr. F. A. Hooke, £17 17s.; Dr. Bowker, £14 14s. Total, £51 9s.
(3.) 175.

(20.) Proposed Swimming Baths at Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have tenders yet been invited for the construction of the proposed swimming baths at Woolloomooloo Bay?

Sir John See answered,—Tenders have not yet been called for the work referred to, but this will be done within a fortnight from the present date.

2. Wagga Wagga Cattle Driving Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Gormly, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Gormly then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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3. Goods Detention Bill (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law in relation to detention of goods in respect to time-payment agreements.
Question put and passed.

4. Fisheries Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 72.*
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid.

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

5. MUNICIPAL BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for municipal government.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act, 1897, and to make further and better provision for municipal government.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to codify and amend the Municipalities Act*, 1897, *and to make further and better provision for municipal government*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 5, 6, "10, 11, 12, and 24," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, *passed*.

Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000, for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £5,000; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000, for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £5,000; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *7th August*, 1902.

7. LABOUR SETTLEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

8. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

9. DEDICATION BY USER LIMITATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

10. SUPREME COURT TRUST MONEYS BILL:—On motion of Sir John See, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn.

11. CHILDREN'S PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

12. COMMON CARRIERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

13. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

14. BUTCHERS' SHOPS SUNDAY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

15. WATER RIGHTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

16. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 73.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8*th August*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Government Advertisements:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Mr. Levy's Question, No. 21, of 30th July,—
(1.) What members of this House are proprietors of newspapers in which Government advertisements are inserted?
(2.) By whom was it decided, in 1895, that such advertisements are not contracts between the Government and the newspaper proprietors?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Messrs. Archibald Campbell, Robert Davidson, Gustave T. C. Miller, and John Norton.
(2.) A new system of advertising was inaugurated some years back, under which no contracts or agreements were necessary with newspaper proprietors. No formal advising upon the point can be traced.

(2.) Establishment of State Ironworks:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Did he send a letter to the Minister of Trade and Customs stating that the Cabinet were opposed to the establishment of State ironworks?
(2.) Has he ascertained whether such is the opinion of the majority of Members of this House and the people of this State?
(3.) Will he give this House, at the earliest possible moment, an opportunity to discuss this question?

Sir John See answered,—I did send a letter to the Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth on the 17th of July, which has been published in the newspapers:—

"My dear Mr. Deakin, — "Sydney, 17 July, 1902.

"I desire to inform you that my Government have given the fullest consideration to "the matter of the establishment of ironworks and works of a kindred character, and are of the "opinion that such should be carried out by private enterprise rather than by the Government of "the State.

"I might add that we favour both a duty and a bonus, and should be glad to support "any action taken by the Federal Government in regard thereto.

"Yours very truly,
"JOHN SEE.

"The Hon. Alfred Deakin, M.P., &c., &c.,
"Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, Melbourne."

(3.) Running Staff in the Railway Department:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many extra men have been employed on the running staff in the Railway Department as a result of the introduction of the eight-hour system?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Up to the present eighty-three additional men have been employed on the railways, and 144 on the tramways; and further additions are being made.

(4.)

(4.) Government Subsidy to the Royal Agricultural Society:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount of subsidy was paid by the Government to the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales during the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The amount paid during the year ending 30th June, 1902, was £500, being an advance on account of subsidy due for that year. The balance of the subsidy due to the Society, viz., £361 10s. 6d., has been paid since 30th June, making a total subsidy of £861 10s. 6d.

(5.) *Labour Bulletin:—Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the cost per month of issuing the *Labour Bulletin*, including literary composition, type-setting, printing, paper, &c.?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Literary composition, editing, and managing have, so far, cost nothing, being done by the Chief Labour Commissioner, Mr. Schey, without allowance of any kind. The Government Printing Office informs me that the total cost to 31st July, including all circulars and incidental expenses, has been £211 8s. 5d. A junior clerk, at £50 per annum, was added to the Staff, to meet the extra clerical work incidental to the publication.

(6.) Appointment of Captain Jackson to the Public Service:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was Captain Jackson appointed to the Public Service, and what is his present age?

(2.) What is his present salary; is his position a permanent one; and is he a naturalized British subject?

(3.) What previous experience had this gentleman as a house and land agent, and where did he obtain it?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) 1st November, 1884; 60 years of age.

(2.) £500 per annum; the position is a permanent one; he is a naturalized British subject.

(3.) In addition to being manager of Public Wharfs, he has, since 1892, had charge of the Government resumed properties, and is now manager of Public Wharfs (outside the port of Sydney) in addition to the resumed properties.

(7.) Waterside Workers in the Resumed Area:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that great inconvenience and loss is occasioned the waterside workers through inadequate house accommodation in and about the resumed area?

(2.) Will he use his best endeavours to provide such accommodation, as it is imperative that they should live near their work?

(3.) Has he any definite proposal to submit in this matter?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague understands that such is the case.

(2 and 3.) Plans are being prepared by the City Improvement Advisory Board, and he intends shortly to submit the question of providing suitable residences within the resumed area for waterside workers to Cabinet, with a view to the proposal being referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

(8.) Appointment of Mr. Alexander Oliver to report upon Norfolk Island:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does he propose to adhere to his recently-expressed intention as to the appointment of Mr. Alex. Oliver to visit Norfolk Island for the purpose of reporting upon the condition of affairs there?

(2.) Did not Mr. Oliver some six years since furnish such a report, after a visit to the island?

(3.) Was that report ever published; and, if not, what became of it?

(4.) What was the cost to the country of that report?

(5.) If it has not been printed, will he cause it to be so printed?

(6.) In view of the fact that such a report has been procured, does he think there exists any legitimate reason why the same ground should be again traversed?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes. Mr. Alex. Oliver will inquire into and report upon several matters requiring special investigation.

(2.) No.

(3, 4, 5, and 6.) The Honorable Member probably refers to a general report made by the Honorable J. H. Carruthers and Mr. Charles Oliver (Chief Commissioner of Railways) prior to the administration of the island affairs being handed over to the Governor of New South Wales. This report was published by the Home Government with the correspondence relating to the transfer of Norfolk Island to New South Wales, a copy of which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 12th August, 1897.

(9.) Funds Voted for Road Contracts in Country Districts:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there any valid reason why the funds voted for road and other contracts in country districts should not be banked to the credit, in the respective local centres, of the district engineers charged with the conduct and supervision of such works, to be drawn upon as the necessity arises?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that, under the existing centralisation system, great delay and inconvenience are caused to contractors by reason of the circumstance that they have to send their vouchers to the head office of his Department, and await treatment of same?

(3.) Has complaint reached him to the effect that, in regard to one particular road contract in the Rylstone electorate, a period of three months has elapsed since vouchers were sent in to the Works Department, on completion of same, and that, up to the present, the contractor has had no word as to the payment of his money?

Mr.

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) It would not be advisable to adopt the method referred to, as the Treasury would be called upon to provide for the expenditure of probably twelve months when the Consolidated Revenue Fund had only received the proceeds of one or two months' collections. There would also be lying to credit of officers some £700,000 or less which would give no return in interest or otherwise to the Government. In addition to this, control and economical expenditure would be jeopardised.

(2.) Delays do occur through the scattered location of works, the time required for inspection, preparation and transmission of vouchers, and the passage of vouchers through Head Office. These are minimised to a great extent by granting all officers floating advances, to enable them to make payments promptly, and my honorable colleague is even prepared to increase such advances when that course is necessary to expedite payments.

(3.) If my honorable colleague is furnished with particulars of the cases referred to, a full inquiry and report will be obtained and the result communicated to the Honorable Member.

(10.) Appeal Case, Attorney-General *v.* Dickson:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In *re* the appeal Attorney-General *v.* Dickson, in which the former claimed as a reservation a strip of 100 feet above high-water mark of 36 acres at Glebe Point, such appeal being dismissed, is he aware of the fact that it was owing to want of clearness on the part of the Crown in the conveyance that this intended reservation has been lost to the people?

(2.) Is he also aware of the fact that in several other cases of a similar kind the same condition of things applies?

(3.) What has been the total cost to the State of the prosecution of the claim in the case above quoted?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Court has, in effect, held that the Crown in 1840 intended to part with the reservation.

(2.) There are some other portions of land affected by the decision.

(3.) Cannot be ascertained until costs are taxed.

(11.) Nautical Assessors Appointed under the Navigation Act:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the names of the nautical assessors appointed under the Navigation Act?

(2.) Have any of them any interest in, or work for, any stevedoring firm?

(3.) Is it a fact that one of the said assessors has not been twelve months in the State, having come from England to Queensland, and then to Sydney quite recently?

(4.) Will any native-born master mariner be given a chance of appointment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The names of the nautical assessors appointed under the Navigation Act are as follows:—Mercantile Marine Masters, Class I, Sub-class (*a*) Sailing—Messrs. William Arthur Worrall, Robert Laurie Boldchild, W. C. McGibbon. Sub-class (*b*) Steam—Messrs. John James Simpson, George James Finlayson, William Cargill (since deceased), J. L. Fawkes, Thomas Hill, David Edmundstone Jamieson, Henry Witherspoon. Mercantile Marine Engineers, Class II—Messrs. James Macartney, G. Cromack, A. W. Attenbrow, Walter Peck.

(2.) The Superintendent of Navigation has no information on this point, but the assessors have been notified by circular of the circumstances which will render them ineligible to sit.

(3.) The Superintendent of Navigation has no information on this point, but inquiries will be made.

(4.) Yes; his application would certainly receive consideration if he had the necessary qualifications.

(12.) Removal of Furniture by the Government:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the amount paid for the removal of Mr. J. R. Cameron's (Harbours and Rivers Department) furniture from Ultimo to Ballina?

(2.) The like for the supply of two open waggons to remove furniture from Government House to Moss Vale?

(3.) What are the names of the tenderers in each case, and what prices did they submit?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Mr. Cameron has not yet been removed to Ballina, and, therefore, nothing has been paid.

(2 and 3.) The furniture was removed in one large pantechnicon van, and not in two open waggons, for the sum of £20, including all charges, Messrs. Sanders and Co. being employed. Previous tenders received from—Whitehead and Co., £25 10s.; Vintiner & Co., £32; Gourlay Brothers, £45; Sutton & Co. (Government to pay freight), £25.

(13.) Hotels in the Rocks and Darling Harbour Resumptions:—Mr. Power asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in cases where hotels in the Rocks and Darling Harbour resumptions owe loans to brewing companies, the Government, in dealing with the compensation to the publicans, stipulate that these moneys with interest must be paid in full?

(2.) Is he aware of the admissions made by the brewers and their solicitors to the Tied Houses Committee that these loans were manufactured, and were in most cases, with the concurrence of the brewers, never intended to be paid by the publican; but were only to be used as a legal instrument in tying the trade of the hotels to the brewers?

(3.) Will he, under these circumstances, investigate the loans before ordering the publican to pay same?

(4.) Is it a fact that brewers' loans in the above areas amount to nearly £80,000?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I have not yet fully perused the evidence.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.) I am not aware.

(14.) Court-house, Bega:—*Mr. Thomson*, for Mr. Henry Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the promised new Court-house be erected at Bega?

(2.) When will a new Police Lock-up Gaol be erected, or improvements made to the present one, which is in a disgraceful state?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The question of erecting a new Court-house is now before the Justice Department for consideration and decision.

(2.) An amount of £2,000 has been noted for Estimates to provide for improvements to the existing buildings.

(15.) Eight-hour System on the Railways and Tramways:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the return laid upon the Table on 6th August, in connection with the adoption of the eight-hours system on railways and tramways, will he lay upon the Table of this House a further return showing,—

(1.) How the estimated extra cost has been arrived at, giving full particulars of increase in cost for each grade, both on a weekly and fortnightly computation?

(2.) Each grade, and the amount for each grade, paid for the overtime stated in such return?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will supply the information in the form of a return.

(16.) Stipendiary and Police Magistrates:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Stipendiary and Police Magistrates are there in this State who are over the age of 60 years, and how many over 65?

(2.) The names and ages of such?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay this information on the Table in the form of a return.

3. Printing Committee:—Mr. Coleman brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

4. Papers:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.

(3.) Extract from the *Contemporary Review*, of October, 1900, entitled "A Colonist's views on "Army Reform."

(4.) Return showing number of Stipendiary and Police Magistrates over 60 and 65 years of age.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Bread Act Amendment Bill, postponed until Tuesday, 26th August.

6. Fire Brigades (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

7. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Haynes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.			Noes, 11.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. McNeill,
Sir John See,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Nielsen.	
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Young,	*Tellers,*	*Tellers,*
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Carroll,		Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Power.
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Clara.	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gilbert,		
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. McLaurin,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

8. Registration of Firms Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Levy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cann, Mr. Edden, Mr. Estell, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Hogue, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Levy, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Sir John See, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Winchcombe, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ON THE OCCASION OF HIS CORONATION:— Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following letter from the Acting Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor:—

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 12 August, 1902.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit to you the subjoined copy of a telegraphic despatch which has this day been received by His Excellency from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

"Referring to your telegram of 6th June, and my telegram of 7th June, Address of "Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales has been laid before His "Majesty.

"The King gratefully appreciates the loyal congratulations conveyed in the Address, and "commands me to request you will express to both Houses of Parliament the warm thanks of "himself and of Her Majesty the Queen."

2. His Excellency desires me to invite you to be good enough to take the earliest opportunity of communicating the above Message to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

H. W. L. HOLMAN,
Acting Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

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

(1.) Forest Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 74.*
State Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the State Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the conservation and management of forest lands, the collection of royalties on timber, the issue of licenses and permits to fell and obtain timber, and for all other purposes consequent upon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

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

(2.) Closer Settlement Act Amendment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 75.*
State Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the State Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to so amend the Closer Settlement Act so as to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

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

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

(1.) Stock Act Amendment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 76.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Stock Act, 1901.

State Government House,
Sydney, 24*th July*, 1902.

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

(2.) Vines and Vegetation Diseases (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 77.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17*th July*, 1902.

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

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coal Mines of the State:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he consider the advisability of causing a special inspection to be made of all parts of abandoned workings, where practicable, of the coal mines of this State, for the purpose of ascertaining if there exists in such abandoned workings any accumulated bodies of gases which, for the safety of life and property, cannot be disregarded?

(2.) As it will be impossible for the present inspectors of coal mines to make the above inspection, will the Minister appoint experienced practical men, holding certificates of competency (first or second class) under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, as temporary inspectors to make such inspection?

Mr. Kidd answered,—These important questions are now under the consideration of the Department, and I hope shortly to be able to say that definite action has been taken in the direction suggested. It may be pointed out that such inspections are already specially provided for in the rules of some mines; but the whole matter will be more comprehensively considered.

(2.) Premises in Castlereagh-street used for the Registration of Births, Deaths, &c.:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Davidson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the term for which the premises in Castlereagh-street, now occupied as the office for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages, has been secured?

(2.) The cost to the Government of making these premises fire-proof?

(3.) The cost of otherwise fitting them up for their present use?

(4.) The annual rent payable?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The premises are now occupied on a yearly tenancy.

(2.) The cost of alterations and fitting up, £1,048 19s. 3d.

(3.) Very little, if any, expenditure has taken place since 1893.

(4.) £500.

(3.) Prospect Reservoir:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the water in the Prospect reservoir is receding to an alarming extent?

(2.) Is it a fact that, on account of the lowering of the water in the reservoir, the puddle embankment, on account of the want of water, is cracking to such an extent that it will be dangerous when a large quantity of water is run into the reservoir?

(3.) Is he making any provision for a supply from the Nepean River at Penrith or near Penrith?

(4.) What is the estimated quantity of water which will be impounded in the Nepean River between the weir that is now being erected and the Warrigamba?

(5.) Does he intend starting the work at once, so that it will be completed in time to save a water famine to the city and suburbs?

(6.) What time will it take to make arrangements for the supply into the Prospect reservoir of, say, 10,000,000 gallons per day?

(7.) How many gallons of water per day are running over the natural dam at Penrith?

(8.) Will he have the estimate of quantity gauged without delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) There is about 240 days' supply of water stored in Prospect reservoir.

(2.) At the present time the embankment is in a sound and stable condition. It will be carefully watched as the water level is lowered.

(3 to 6.) Yes. I have two schemes before me, and the matter will probably be settled to-morrow, when the quantity can be stated.

(7.) There is a good flow in the river at Penrith.

(8.) An officer has been despatched to gauge the flow.

(4.) Public School Savings Bank Deposits :—*Mr. Dick*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money received by the Department as interest on the Public Schools' Savings Banks deposits in the Government Savings Bank ?

(2.) To what purposes has such money been applied ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The total amount of money received by the Department as interest on the Public Schools' Savings Banks deposits in the Government Savings Banks was £3,817 15s. 11d.—from 1887 to 1901 inclusive.

(2.) In 1894 the sum of £1,500 was invested as a "Trust Fund" for the benefit of the Public Schools' Athletic Association, and the sum of £50 was placed to the credit of trustees of the "Jones Medal Fund." The balance, £2,267 15s. 11d., has not yet been applied to any specific purpose.

(5.) Accidents in Sawmills and Timber-yards, Metropolitan District :—Mr. McNeill asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—The number and nature of accidents which have occurred in and around the various sawmills and timber-yards in the metropolitan district during the past two years ?

Mr. Perry answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the information asked for.

(6.) Swimming Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay :—*Mr. Byrne*, for Mr. Barnes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In constructing swimming baths at Woolloomooloo Bay, as promised on 7th August in reply to the Honorable Member for Fitzroy, is it intended to provide for interest being paid on the cost of construction, and for a sinking fund, as was stipulated in connection with baths at Cootamundra and other country towns ?

Sir John See answered,—It is proposed to lease the baths by public tender and at such rates as it is expected will cover interest on expenditure and sinking fund, making due allowance for the public improvements thus effected to the Domain and foreshore.

(7.) S.S. "Quiraing" :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the "Quiraing" was inspected previous to her departure from Newcastle ?

(2.) Will he give the report of the engineer-surveyor as to the condition of the engine-room and pumping appliances ?

(3.) What was the amount of coal carried as cargo ; also the amount in the bunkers ?

(4.) Is he aware that the carrying of small coal is liable to choke the pumps ?

(5.) Was the vessel short-handed on deck and in the stokehole ?

(6.) What is the number of sailors and firemen carried since Snedden took over the vessel, and the number before ?

(7.) If the report of the New Zealand surveyors at Auckland is found to be correct, will he take steps to have the surveyor that was responsible for passing her here dismissed the Service ?

(8.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all reports relating to this vessel ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes. The "Quiraing" was inspected by an inspector prior to her departure from Newcastle, and was not overloaded.

(2 and 8.) The papers in connection with the matter I will presently lay upon the Table of this House.

(3.) The amount of coal carried was—Cargo, 438 tons East Greta best, 384 tons East Greta small; bunker, 148 tons Co-operative small, 165 tons Rhondda. Total cargo, 822 tons; total bunker, 317 tons. Total, 1,139 tons.

(4.) No, if the ceiling is in good order.

(5.) No ; she had the necessary complement above and below.

(6.) Before Mr. Snedden took the vessel over, in February last, the number of sailors and firemen were as follows :—Lamps and boatswain, 1 ; A.B.'s, 6 ; total, 7. Firemen, 6 ; trimmers, 3 ; total, 9. Since Mr. Snedden took the vessel over, the following are the numbers :—Lamps and boatswain, 1 ; A.B.'s, 5 ; total, 6. Firemen, 6 ; trimmers, 3 ; total, 9.

(7.) The Department is not aware of any report by the New Zealand surveyors concerning the vessel.

(8.) Passes Issued by the Government to Shearers :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Where a shearer has engaged to work under the Australian Workers' Union at any shed and is unable to reach the same without a pass from the Department, and a promise has been made that the employer will pay the fare out of the wages earned, will such pass be issued ?

(2.) Will he treat a shearer who belongs to the Machine Shearers' Union, under similar conditions as above, in the same way as those mentioned in the first Question ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have only power to issue passes to men who can show that they are going to employment. The men of the Australian Workers' Union and those who belong to the Machine Shearers' Union will be treated alike while there is a possibility of a strike taking place over the price of shearing—that is, neither side will be allowed to utilise the Labour Bureau for the purpose of getting an advantage over the other, and the same remark will apply to the pastoralist.

(9.) Public Service :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the return in reference to the Public Service promised on the 24th of June last, in reply to Question No. 1 on the Business Paper of that day ?

Sir John See answered,—The necessary particulars have been asked for from the several Departments, and as soon as they are complete the return will be laid upon the Table—probably next week.

(10.) S.S. "Balmain":—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the surveyor's reports relating to the s.s. "Balmain"?

Sir John See answered,—Papers will be laid upon the Table of this House. Copies of reports are now being made.

(11.) Metropolitan Traffic:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is answerable and in charge of the traffic in the streets in Sydney and our crowded thoroughfares?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph appearing in the last issue of *Truth*, respecting the danger to life and limb in consequence of the reckless way in which unlicensed vehicles are raced over street crossings and street corners, and will he see that immediate and stringent steps are taken to put down this dangerous evil and increasing public nuisance?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

(1.) The police, under the direction of the Inspector-General, *vide* Metropolitan Traffic Act, No. 8, of 1900.

(2.) The police on traffic duty are enjoined to check any such reckless driving over crossings or otherwise, and numerous prosecutions have taken place when the law is broken. There have been thirty-seven convictions this year, chiefly private vehicles.

(12.) Erection of Weirs in the Molong District:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he take steps to have portion of the £300,000 lately voted for water conservation expended in the district of Molong, in the erection of weirs at Molong, Cumnock, and Cudal?

(2.) Now that a sufficiency of public money and funds are available and at his disposal for water conservation in country districts, will he see that immediate steps are taken in calling for tenders for the erection of the weir that has been sanctioned at Manildra, near Molong, but held in abeyance for the want of the necessary funds?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Instructions have been given for reports to be made on Molong and Cumnock weirs; Cudal weir has been favourably reported upon, the cost has been estimated at £800, and a decision will shortly be arrived at with reference to these matters.

(2.) Preparations are complete for calling for tenders as soon as the final appropriation of the £200,000 is made.

(13.) Accidents in the Broken Hill District:—Mr. Cann asked the Secretary for Mines,—What number of accidents has happened in the Broken Hill district during the last ten years, including fatal, serious, and minor accidents?

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

(14.) Statements Attributed to the Honorable J. Perry, against Tradesmen, Broken Hill:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps has he taken to fulfil his promise to the stonemasons and bricklayers at Broken Hill, that he would have an inquiry made as to the statements attributed to the Honorable J. Perry, Minister of Public Instruction, which they considered reflected unjustly upon their ability as tradesmen and their honesty as men?

Sir John See answered,—On 18th March, 1902, a Petition was received by me from representatives of the operative masons and bricklayers of Broken Hill, asking that a Royal Commission might be appointed to inquire into the charges made against the day-labour system carried out in the erection of the new North Broken Hill Public School, viz.:—"That day labour was a failure; "(2) that the men had not done what was expected from them through want of energy; (3) that "the building had cost 50 per cent. over the estimate." These assertions had, as far as can be ascertained, never been made either by Minister, architect, clerk of works, or any other person in connection with the job. An inquiry was held, however, by the Minister of Public Instruction, as a result of which I was informed that "the day-labour system in the instance mentioned was "not a failure. The fact that the time taken to complete the building was only about eight months, "affords evidence that the greater portion of the men worked energetically. So far as expense is "concerned, the work cost about £3,000 only, being 17 per cent. less than the architect's original "estimate, £3,500." The full text of this memorandum appeared in the public Press at the time.

(15.) Electoral Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the annual cost of administering the Electoral Department?

(2.) How many officers are employed?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) £2,180 per annum.

(2.) Eleven.

(16.) Supply of Carbolic Disinfectant to the Board of Health:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were tenders recently called for the supply to the Board of Health of carbolic disinfectant; and what percentage of carbolic was quoted as being essential?

(2.) How many tenders were received; what were the prices per gallon submitted; and who was the successful tenderer?

(3.) What percentage of carbolic was it declared that the respective samples submitted contained?

(4.) Has the Government Analyst examined samples of the disinfectant supplied by the successful tenderer; and is it a fact that he found it only to contain 6 per cent. of carbolic, whilst in the powder examined no trace of carbolic was detected?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Public Service Tender Board:—

(1.) Yes. Tenders were recently called for the supply of carbolic disinfectant for the Public Service generally. The percentage of carbolic quoted as being essential was "not less than 20 per "cent."

(2.) Ten tenders were received. The prices ranged from 1s. 7d. to 4s. 6d. per gallon. The successful tenderer was Samuel Bowen.

(3.) From 34 per cent. of Phenols down to ·11 per cent.

(4.) Samples taken from a supply of liquid disinfectant, made by the contractor to the establishment of the Glebe Island Abattoirs, were examined by the Government Analyst. Each such sample was found to contain 6 per cent. only of Phenols. The Board is not aware of any examination being made of samples of powder disinfectant supplied under the current contract.

(17.) Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the Railway Commissioners registered under the Arbitration Act as an Industrial Union of Employers?

(2.) If so, is it found that this repeals or in any way takes away the powers vested in the Commissioners in clause 95 of Consolidating Railway Act, 1901?

(3.) How many industrial unions of employees in the service of the Railway Commissioners are registered with the Arbitration Court?

(4.) Would each class of workers under the Railway Commissioners, if they so desire,—such as fettlers, shunters, porters, night officers, station-masters, guards, signalmen, fitters, and labourers in the Interlocking Department; fitters, labourers, carpenters, blacksmiths, strikers, painters, and others in the Permanent-way Department; fitters, blacksmiths, boilermakers, waggon builders, painters, and their assistants in the Locomotive Department; those engaged in the Tramway Department, such as fitters, drivers, conductors, cleaners; those engaged in the Electrical Branch and others; the Clerical Division in the Railway and Tramway Service—be allowed to form themselves into separate industrial unions, and bring their cases before the Arbitration Court?

(5.) Will he give a categorical reply to each Question?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The right given by section 95 of the Government Railways Act to individual employees to appeal from the Board to the Commissioners is apparently not affected by the Industrial Arbitration Act, but the Court of Arbitration has also jurisdiction to hear and determine matters referred to in subsection 1 of section 95 above mentioned.

(3.) Three, consisting wholly of railway employees.

(4.) Every trade union has the right to register as an industrial union under the Industrial Arbitration Act if the Registrar is satisfied that the provisions of the Act had been complied with, and that the rules of the trade union include provisions as to the matters set out in schedule 1, and if no other industrial union to which the applicants might conveniently belong has already been registered. As these are matters to be determined by the Registrar (or by the President on appeal) after application is made in any particular case, and after the applicants and any person objecting are heard, it is impossible to say at present whether the classes of workers named can form industrial unions.

(18.) William-street Cable Tramway:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the totally inadequate service rendered by the William-street cable tramway?

(2.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience is caused to passengers on that line through (*a*) overcrowding of cars and dummies; (*b*) continued jolting and jerking; (*c*) frequent stoppages owing to failure of cable?

(3.) When is the cable likely to be replaced by electric traction?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that—

(1.) The cable tram service is heavily taxed during the busy hours.

(2.) It is admitted that some inconvenience does arise through overcrowding, and the surging of the cable due to heavy loading, but stoppages of the cable are very rare.

(3.) A definite date cannot at present be fixed, but it will necessarily be some time before the conversion can be made.

(19.) Exposure of Machinery at Cockatoo Island:—Mr. John Storey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that thousands of pounds' worth of machinery are lying exposed to all weather at Cockatoo Island?

(2.) If so, will he place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of having such machinery properly stored?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a number of cranes imported for use on the harbour works have certainly been lying out exposed to the weather, but have received no injury.

(2.) It is proposed to build a shelter-shed for the purpose indicated.

(20.) Balmain Water Supply:—Mr. John Storey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the high levels of Balmain are left during the summer months, fully three days a week, without a supply of water?

(2.) If so, will he place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of constructing a reservoir or high-level tank to be placed in the centre of the district, and thus relieve a very large population of a great inconvenience?

Mr

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies :—

(1.) The statement as to period when high levels of Balmain are temporarily inconvenienced is not in accordance with fact. There has been shortage in pressure, owing to interruption in high-level service, but this has only been temporary, pending repairs being effected and changing of valves. Balmain is at present better supplied than any other part of the metropolitan area, having a high and low level service. The high portions of Balmain must be supplied from a superior level to be of any effect as to pressure.

(2.) The recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Sydney water supply included the construction of a high-level reservoir at Balmain, which work will be put in hand as soon as funds are available.

5. Papers :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws, under the Public Health Act, 1896, for the regulation of Common Lodging-houses in the City of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Papers and correspondence respecting the imposition of duties upon the products of Norfolk Island imported into New South Wales.

(2.) Reports respecting the condition of the s.s. "Quiraing."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Return respecting accidents that have occurred in sawmills and timber-yards in the Metropolitan District during the past two years.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Registration of Firms Bill :—Mr. Levy moved, without Notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Registration of Firms Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 12th August, 1902, be restored to the Paper and stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McLaurin,	Sir John See,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Jones,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Nelson,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Power,
Mr. T. R. Smith,		Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Clara.
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Morton.	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Cohen,		Mr. Perry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill :—Mr. Frank Farnell, pursuant to leave granted on 30th July, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Act*, 1899, *and the Friendly Societies* (*Amendment*) *Act*, 1900,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th November.

8. Fisheries Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid.

Question put and passed.

9. LABOUR SETTLEMENTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and regulation of Labour Settlements on Crown lands.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the establishment and regulation of Labour Settlements on Crown lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Goods Detention Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law in relation to detention of goods in respect to time-payment agreements. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday, 9th September.
(2.) Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading. [*Mr. Meagher*] ;—until Tuesday, 26th August.

11. WINE ADULTERATION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 78.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine ; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30*th July*, 1902.

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

12. DENTISTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Dentists Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, W. J. TRICKETT,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902. Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

13. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions, and the suspension of all rights of common in respect of such land.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions, and the suspension of all rights of common in respect of such land,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

14. DEDICATION BY USER LIMITATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to dedication by user.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to dedication by user,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

15. CHILDREN'S PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments providing for the protection of children in certain cases.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments providing for the protection of children in certain cases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

16. COMMON CARRIERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the rights and liabilities of common carriers by land.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the rights and liabilities of common carriers by land,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

17. LIFE, FIRE, AND MARINE INSURANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to life, fire, and marine insurance.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to life, fire, and marine insurance,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

18. BUTCHERS' SHOPS SUNDAY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the closing of butchers' shops on Sundays.*"
Debate ensued.
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only seven Members in the minority, who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Moore, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daley, and Mr. Carroll.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the closing of butchers' shops on Sundays,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August*, 1902.

19. WATER RIGHTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, be not further heard.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 14.	Noes, 45.		
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Sir John See,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Eddon.	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomson,	*Tellers,*
Tellers,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. T. R. Smith.	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Estell,	
	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gormly,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Original question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to water rights.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to water rights,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August,* 1902.

20. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the Prince Alfred Hospital.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the Prince Alfred Hospital,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th August,* 1902.

21. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

22. SURVEY MARKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

23. HAY IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

24. Agreements Validating Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

25. Masters and Servants Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

26. Sydney Female School of Industry Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

27. Australian Museum Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

28. Maitland Cattle-driving Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

29. Dividing Fences Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

30. Innkeepers Liability Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

31. Poisons Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

Mr.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only eight Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Moore, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. E. M. Clark, and Mr. Daley.

32. Pawnbrokers Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

33. Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

34. Trustees of Schools of Arts Enabling Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

35. Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

36. Women's College Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

37. Government Savings Bank Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

38. Vagrancy Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

39. FINES AND FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES RECOVERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

40. PETTY SESSIONS FEES BILL:—On motion of Mr. Crick, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn.

41. PIRACY PUNISHMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

42. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

43. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (FENCING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

44. SMOKE NUISANCE ABATEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

45. BALRANALD IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. McFarlane.	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nicholson,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McLaurin,		
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Quinn.	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Scobie,		

Noes, 14.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Miller.
Tellers,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On

On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

46. Inscribed Stock Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

47. Fire Brigades Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

48. Public Loans Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

49. Noxious Trades Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

50. Forestry Bill:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the conservation and management of forest lands; the collection of royalties on timber; the issue of licenses and permits to fell and obtain timber; and for all other purposes consequent upon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

51. Closer Settlement Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act so as to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

52. Construction of Dam on the Cataract River:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a dam on the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with Cataract Creek, as designed by the Principal Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, one hundred and sixty (160) feet high, to impound 18,200 million gallons of water, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted that this motion contravened the provisions of section 28 of the Public Works Act, and was therefore out of order, inasmuch as the work proposed was not the work referred to the Committee for consideration and report.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said he did not think it was his duty to intervene and prevent the House from expressing its opinion upon the Report of the Public Works Committee, simply because they had brought up a slight modification of the proposal as submitted to them. The Report having been submitted to the House, he thought the House was within its province in saying what it would do. He, therefore, could not sustain the Point of Order taken.

Debate continued.
Question put and passed.

53. NEWCASTLE SEWERAGE BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself in a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1892, and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of* 1892, *and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

54. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Audit Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 79.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the audit of the Public Accounts, and the protection and recovery of Public Property; and for other purposes connected with the control and management of the Public Finances of the State of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

(2.) Justices Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 80.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, to proceedings before and in the nature of appeal from, and to proceedings against such magistrates and justices; and to other matters in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

2. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (CATARACT RIVER DAM) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 81.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12*th August*, 1902.

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

3. University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 82.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900.

State Government House,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

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

4. Questions:—

(1.) Men Employed at Wallendbeen Railway Yards:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that on the work being done by the Railway Department, at Wallendbeen railway yards, no local men have been given a chance of employment?

(2.) Are the men who have been brought from other districts to do this work permanent or temporary employees; and how many are there of each class?

(3.) Will he see that local men get a fair share of work being done by the Railway Commissioners in any district?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am not personally aware of the conditions referred to.

(2.) I am informed that the men engaged have been employed for several months by the Department on similar services, and have just finished works at stations near by.

(3.) I am informed that such works can be carried out more economically and efficiently by men who have had experience and are familiar with the departmental practices.

(2.) Coal Carried by the Railway Department at a Reduced Rate:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that coal for ships' bunkers is carried by the Railway Department from Lithgow to Sydney in special trucks at a reduced rate?

(2.) Is the coal thus carried intended to be used for coaling steamers only?

(3.) Is it the custom for certain coal merchants, who also own steamers, to obtain supplies of coal at the reduced rate of carriage in excess of the requirements of their steamers, and to put such excess into their yards and dispose of it to their customers?

(4.) Such practice being unfair to tradesmen who pay the usual rate for railway carriage, will he instruct the Railway Commissioners that it must be stopped?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed—

(1.) That a special rate is charged.

(2.) That the coal is discharged from railway trucks into hulks, and afterwards disposed of to sea-going steamers, either for their own use or for shipment as cargo in oversea vessels.

(3.) That the Railway Department is furnished by the consignees of coal with a statutory declaration each month, showing what coal has been shipped oversea and what has been disposed of locally, when the charges on the latter are made up to the full ordinary rates chargeable on coal not exported.

(4.) It would appear that the arrangement referred to has not been understood.

(3.) Mount Kembla Colliery:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Williams, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What appliances were sent for from Mount Kembla Colliery, and supplied to them, for the purpose of trying to save life at the recent explosion?

(2.) What kind of appliances were kept at the said colliery for the same purpose prior to the explosion?

(3.) What official from the Mines Department, capable of superintending or assisting in the effective manipulation of such appliances, was present at the mine, and did so superintend their use?

(4.) On what dates was the official present?

(5.) Are the reports of the inspection of the said colliery before the explosion available for the use of Members of the Legislative Assembly; if not, when will he cause them to be made available?

(6.) How many safety lamps were supplied to the colliery after the explosion; and how many were previously kept by the company?

(7.) Is it a fact that in many cases the lamps were rendered useless to the rescuers on account of the inferior oil supplied?

(8.) Will he arrange for a demonstration of the use of life-saving apparatus suitable for such occasions, open to the inspection of Members of both Houses of Parliament, representatives of the workers, and scientists interested in such matters; if so, when?

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

(4.) Gangways of Ships alongside Wharfs:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he instruct the Board of Health to at once have the nets placed under the gangways of ships alongside the wharfs?

(2.) Will he state what were the reasons for removing them?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No regulation made on the recommendation of the Board of Health, which forbids suspension of nets under the gangways of ships alongside wharfs, has been in force since 2nd April, 1901; bright illumination of gangways and a constant watch were then required.

(2.) The object was to prevent intercommunication between ship rats and shore rats. Control of the berthing of vessels in Port Jackson passed to the Harbour Trust long since; there is no regulation in force forbidding the use of nets.

(5.)

(5.) Police Promotions:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that promotions were given to officers in the Police and Detective Department on 6th April, 1902?

(2.) If so, will he give the names of such officers, and their length of services?

(3.) Is every officer promoted in accordance with his length of service?

(4.) Is he aware that further promotions are likely to be made?

(5.) If so, will he recommend that the senior officers should have the preference?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a list of such officers.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes; from time to time as vacancies occur.

(5.) If qualified, the seniors on the list have the preference. The regulation affecting promotions is as under:—"At the same time, it must be understood that seniority, length of service, and good "conduct are not the only recommendations for promotion; they will always have due weight, but "efficiency and adaptation for the particular vacancy will be the principal considerations."

(6.) Origin of Droughts in Australia:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government yet had under consideration the desirability of appointing a Royal Commission, composed of well-known recognised scientific experts and meteorologists, to inquire into and report on the probable cause and frequent recurrence of droughts, or alleged cycle period of droughts, in the State of New South Wales; if so, when is such a Commission likely to be appointed?

(2.) Will he place himself in communication with Queensland and other adjoining State Governments, in order to enlist, as far as possible, their support and sympathy in carrying out such a Commission or scheme of inquiry into the source or origin of droughts, and the best and most effectual way of overcoming or modifying their disastrous effects on the future growth and development of the resources of Australia?

(3.) Will he at the same time take steps to consult with and have the opinion of the Royal Society of Sydney, &c., on the matter?

Sir John See answered,—A definite decision has not yet been arrived at in this matter.

(7.) Wheat Supply of New South Wales:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of bushels of wheat grown in the State of New South Wales during last year?

(2.) The number of bushels of wheat exported since last harvest?

(3.) The number of bushels of wheat it takes to supply home consumption annually?

(4.) The probable or approximate number of bushels of wheat that still remains in the State of New South Wales; the same information with regard to the quantity of flour to the 31st July last?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) 14,786,000 bushels.

(2.) Quantity exported, about 3,660,000 bushels of wheat.

(3.) About 10,000,000 bushels.

(4.) The information is not obtainable at present.

(8.) Inmates of Little Bay Hospital Suffering from Bubonic Plague:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of patients, or inmates, suffering from bubonic plague that still remain in Little Bay Hospital?

(2.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a full report of the recent outbreak of a case of bubonic plague and the death of the patient, Neil, that took place in Newcastle during the last week or ten days?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Nine.

(2.) Yes; as early as possible.

(9.) Deeds, &c., Lodged at the Stamp Office:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that deeds and other documents lodged at the Stamp Office after 2 o'clock, and before 3 o'clock, are refused delivery on same day to persons who lodge same?

(2.) Is he aware that some years ago the practice was to have all deeds, &c., lodged before 3 o'clock, stamped and delivered back on same day?

(3.) Is he aware that great inconvenience and loss is occasioned by reason of persons not being able to get their deeds back in time for registration in Registrar-General's Office on same day, and also by the unnecessary delay?

(4.) Will he give instructions to have all deeds lodged before 3 o'clock stamped and ready for delivery on same day?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes. Considerable time is necessary to complete the stamping of these documents, and it was found necessary to arrange that instruments left during the earlier part of the day should be ready for delivery up to 3 o'clock, and those left after 2 o'clock to be ready for delivery at 10 o'clock the following morning. In cases of urgency, where personal reference is made to the Commissioner, he, without hesitation, gives instructions for the immediate stamping and delivery of the document. In view of the magnitude of the work to be done, the present arrangement is absolutely necessary.

(2.) I am not aware that it was ever the practice; certainly not for the last twenty years.

(3.) No.

(4.) As this is the first occasion upon which there has been any complaint, and as the present arrangement has given general satisfaction, I hesitate to interfere with the arrangements.

(10.) Widening of George-street North:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—When are the Government going to carry out the recommendation of the Rocks Resumption Advisory Board to widen George-street North, and thus obviate the dangerous proximity of the tram lines at Essex-street in that locality, where one life has been already sacrificed?

Sir John See answered,—When the work of reconstruction of the Rocks area is begun, the widening of this part of George-street North will be one of the first things to be taken in hand.

(11.) Renewal of Mineral Leases:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Wood, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have any persons or companies been fined in excess of £2 10s. per acre upon the renewal of their mineral leases?
(2.) The names of such persons or companies so fined?
Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) (*a*) The Stockton Coal Company, Limited; (*b*) R. Read, T. Longworth, and W. Longworth; (*c*) T. Longworth, W. Longworth.

(12.) Sale of Duty Stamps by Postmasters:—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Why are postmasters, who are not now State servants, not paid commission on sale of duty stamps, as they must rank as ordinary vendors?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This Government, early last year, intimated its willingness to pay the Commonwealth Government a commission of 2½ per cent. on duty stamps sold at post offices, but no action has yet been taken by the Commonwealth Government. Postmasters cannot be regarded as ordinary stamp vendors.

(13.) Carriage of Newspapers by Early Morning Trains:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the statement of Sir Phillip Fysh, representing the Federal Postal Department, appearing in the issue of the Sydney *Daily Telegraph*, of 13th August, to the effect that in New South Wales the Federal Government had withdrawn facilities for newspaper transmission by early morning trains, but that the practice is still to continue in Tasmania, and that in all probability exists in Western Australia, will he ascertain why this invidious distinction in respect of New South Wales obtains?

Sir John See answered,—I will communicate with the Federal Government upon the subject.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting life-saving appliances and safety-lamps used at the Mount Kembla Colliery.
(2.) Return respecting the Standard Text-book on Agriculture.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting the promotions of officers in the Police and Detective Department.
(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 14th November, 1901,—"Leave of absence to Civil "Servants before being retrenched."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. Savings Bank of New South Wales Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Savings Bank of New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Savings Bank of New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th *August*, 1902.

8. Vines and Vegetation Diseases (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Kidd.

9. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Registration of Firms Bill; to be furthered considered in Committee. [*Mr. Levy*];—until Tuesday, 23rd September.
(2.) Goods Detention Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law in relation to the detention of goods. [*Mr. Sullivan*];—until Tuesday, 7th October.
(3.) Conveyancing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for simplifying and improving the title to land; the practice of conveyancing; for amending in various particulars the law relating to property, and providing for legal charges; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Sullivan*];—until Tuesday, 4th November.

10. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz, "The "necessity for the Government taking immediate action to relieve those engaged in the pastoral, "dairying, and other industries from the burden imposed upon them by the payment of duties on "fodder."

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

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

Points of Order :—

(1.) Mr. Crick pointed out that the subject of the Notice being one relating to Federal taxation, this House should not interfere in it.

Mr. Speaker said that there was nothing to prevent the Honorable Member, Mr. Fitzpatrick, from discussing the matter if he so desired.

(2.) Mr. Meagher submitted that the subject involved a reduction of revenue, which would have to be made good by the Government, and this discussion should be taken in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker refused to uphold the objection taken.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. SURVEY MARKS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to survey marks, official landmarks, and beacons*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to survey marks, official landmarks, and beacons*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

13. HAY IRRIGATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conserving and utilising water for irrigation in the Land District of Hay*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conserving and utilising water for irrigation in the Land District of Hay*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

14. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the validity of agreements made elsewhere for personal service in New South Wales*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the validity of agreements made elsewhere for personal service in New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

15. MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to masters and servants.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to masters and servants,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th August*, 1902.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 *AUGUST*, 1902, A.M.

16. SYDNEY FEMALE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Female School of Industry.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Female School of Industry,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

17. AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the incorporation and endowment of the Australian Museum.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the incorporation and endowment of the Australian Museum,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

18. MAITLAND CATTLE-DRIVING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of cattle-driving through the towns of East and West Maitland.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of cattle-driving through the towns of East and West Maitland,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

19. DIVIDING FENCES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the dividing fences of adjoining lands.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the dividing fences of adjoining lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

20. INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments respecting the liability of innkeepers.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments respecting the liability of innkeepers,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

21. POISONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the sale and use of poisons.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the sale and use of poisons,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

22. PAWNBROKERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the trade or business of pawnbrokers in New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the trade or business of pawnbrokers in New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

23. NEWCASTLE PAVING AND PUBLIC VEHICLES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for making more effectual provision for paving certain streets of the city of Newcastle, and for the licensing and regulation of public vehicles within the said city.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for making more effectual provision for paving certain streets of the city of Newcastle, and for the licensing and regulation of public vehicles within the said city,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

24. TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS OF ARTS ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for enabling the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; for providing for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for enabling the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; for providing for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

25. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP PROHIBITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to grants of public money in aid of public worship.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to grants of public money in aid of public worship,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

26. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and endowment of the College for Women within the University of Sydney.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and endowment of the College for Women within the University of Sydney,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

27. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Government Savings Bank.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Government Savings Bank,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

28. VAGRANCY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the prevention of vagrancy.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts for the prevention of vagrancy,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

29. FINES AND FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES RECOVERY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

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Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the recovery of fines imposed by Courts of Quarter Sessions, the Sheriff, or Coroners, and of recognizances forfeited before such Courts, or before Justices of the Peace.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the recovery of fines imposed by Courts of Quarter Sessions, the Sheriff, or Coroners, and of recognizances forfeited before such Courts or before Justices of the Peace,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

30. PIRACY PUNISHMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the punishment for piracy.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the punishment for piracy,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

31. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the regulation of coal-mines and collieries.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Asembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the regulation of coal-mines and collieries,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

32. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (FENCING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments amending section eighty-four of the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fencing along certain lines of railway, and the enactments permitting the construction of certain lines of railway on, along, or by the side of public roads.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments amending section eighty-four of the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fencing along certain lines of railway, and the enactments permitting the construction of certain lines of railway on, along, or by the side of public roads,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

33. SMOKE NUISANCE ABATEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for abating the nuisance arising from the smoke of furnaces.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for abating the nuisance arising from the smoke of furnaces,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

34. Balranald Irrigation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conservation and utilisation of water for irrigation for the municipality of Balranald.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conservation and utilisation of water for irrigation for the municipality of Balranald,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

35. Inscribed Stock Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts authorising the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and making provisions auxiliary thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts authorising the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and making provisions auxiliary thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

36. Fire Brigades Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to making provision for the protection of life and property from fire.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to making provision for the protection of life and property from fire,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

37. Public Loans Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to public loans.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to public loans,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

38. Noxious Trades Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the carrying on of noxious trades.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the carrying on of noxious trades,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902, *a.m.*

39. FISHERIES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid*,"—which was read a first time.

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

40. SUPPLEMENTARY WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY:—Mr. O'Sullivan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House affirms the desirability of installing the necessary plant to pump from the Nepean River, at Penrith, 7,500,000 gallons of water per diem into the canal at Prospect.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Dick submitted that this proposal was a violation of the provisions of the Public Works Act, under which the proposed work should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Mr. Speaker said that as the Minister had assured the House that the cost would be only £17,000, there was no necessity for the reference to the Committee referred to.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.			Noes, 9.
Mr. Evans,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Edden,
Sir John See,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hawthorne,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Miller,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Fleming,		
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Daley,	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. McNeill.	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McLaurin,		
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nobbs,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

41. VINES AND VEGETATION DISEASES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.

Question put and passed.

42. Wine Adulteration Bill:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.

Question put and passed.

43. Newcastle Sewerage Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

44. Temora to Barellan Railway Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.			Noes, 9.
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Young,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. McFarlane,	Sir John See,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Miller.	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Scobie,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,		
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Richards.	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Anderson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

45. Eddy Orphanage Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

46. Fertilizers Adulteration Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers*,"—which was read a first time.

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

47. Mines (Eight Hours) Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in mines; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in mines; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in mines; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

48. Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, in respect thereof.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, in respect thereof; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act*, 1896, *in respect thereof; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

49. Adjournment:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 83.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Drainage Promotion Act of* 1901,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15*th August*, 1902.

(2.) Public Service Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 84.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the better regulation of the Public Service*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 16*th August*, 1902.

(3.) Arbitration Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 85.
Governor.

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

State Government House,
Sydney, 16*th August*, 1902.

(4.) Public Health Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 86.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to public health and the prevention of the spread of disease*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 16*th August*, 1902.

(5.) Constitution Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 87.

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

State Government House,
Sydney, 18*th August*, 1902.

(6.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 88.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Parliamentary electorates and elections*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 18*th August*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) As a number of aged and deserving people have not been paid their usual monthly allowance in connection with the Old-age Pensions, will he cause inquiries to be made, with the view of urging the officers to facilitate these payments as speedily as possible?

(2.) As doubtless much of the delay has occurred through people not understanding what was required of them in connection with the filling up of the second year's papers, and as many of the claimants have often had to wait for hours at the office in connection with these papers, will he be good enough to take such steps that shall, as far as possible, prevent this delay to these aged and, in many cases, infirm people?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Every effort is made by the Department to facilitate the settlement of pension cases. Any delay occurring is the result of the requirements of the Act not being satisfied by the claimants, who present incomplete cases or are unable to adduce sufficient evidence to warrant the issue of a pension certificate.

(2.) It is not a fact that claimants have to wait for hours in connection with their papers. When claimants are invited to attend, they are summoned for a definite hour, and are seen in their turn, with very little delay.

(2.) Houses to Let in the Resumed Area:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that applicants for a house in the resumed area are compelled to deposit 2s. 6d. for the key, 2s. 6d. for stamp duty on tenancy agreement, and one week's rent in advance?

(2.) Will he consider whether this is not a hardship, considering that most of the tenants are working men, and will he use his best endeavour to have another system instituted?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am having further inquiries made as to whether it is necessary to continue this system.

(3.) Supply of Hewn Ironbark on Trucks at Newcastle:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) From what suppliers were prices invited, under date 19th July, 1902, or thereabouts, for the supply of 300 pieces of hewn ironbark, 12 by 12 inches, on trucks, at Newcastle?

(2.) From whom were replies received; and what were the prices tendered by each party sending in offers?

(3.) To whom was the order given, and what is the business address of the person or persons who are to supply the timber; and what is the name of the electorate in which the person's address as given is situated?

(4.) Who represents the said electorate in this Parliament?

(5.) Has it been arranged to accept delivery of the timber alluded to at Newcastle (in terms of the original intention); if not, where is it to be delivered, and where and how is it to be paid for?

(6.) If not delivered at Newcastle in terms of the original intention, why was it changed, and where to?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) E. D. Pike and Company, Sydney; A. Taylor and Company, Sydney; The Clarence Town Timber Getters' and Carters' Association; Espley and Morgan, Hamilton; O'Neill and Goldsmith, Wyong; H. McKenzie, Pyrmont; Justin McSweeney, Sydney; A. and H. Ellis, Sydney.

(2.) E. D. Pike and Company, lump sum, £434 19s.; A. Taylor and Company, 1s. 11d. c.f. on trucks, Newcastle; Clarence Town Timber-getters' Association, 1s. 7½d. and 1s. 9½d., at Clarence Town; Espley and Morgan, 2s. 2d. per c.f. at Newcastle; O'Neill and Goldsmith, 2s. and 2s. 4d., trucks, Wyong; H. McKenzie, 2s. 9d. c.f. on trucks, Newcastle; J. McSweeney, 2s. 3d. c.f. on trucks, Newcastle.

(3.) (*a*) Clarence Town Timber Getters' and Carters' Association; (*b*) H. Allen, secretary; (*c*) Electorate of Durham.

(4.)

(4.) The Honorable Walter Bennett. The contract was let to the sleeper-getters in order to serve as a relief work, there being a number of men out of work in the Durham electorate.
(5.) Delivery will be made in ships' slings, Clarence Town—thence by water to Newcastle.
(6.) Place of delivery was not changed so far as the Clarence Town Timber-getters' Association was concerned. They were asked in the first instance to quote price delivered at Clarence Town.

(4.) Road Works in the Rylstone Electorate:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the road officers of the Rylstone electorate been yet furnished with instructions to expend a proportion of the current year's Road Votes upon scheduled roads throughout such electorate; and, if so, will he urge them to open up without delay as many works as possible, in order that work may be provided for local unemployed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Officers have been instructed to expend 50 per cent. of current year's Road Votes up to 31st December next, and have been directed to expedite the putting in hand of the works.

(5.) Amendment of the Early Closing Act:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation which will bring the hotel, club, and restaurant employees within the provisions of the Early Closing Act?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Early Closing Act now applies to bar hands and waiters in hotels and restaurants, but does not apply to the domestic classes. The advisableness of bringing these latter under the Act was considered when the Amendment Bill of 1900 was passed, but was found to be impracticable.

(6.) Sydney Customs Staff:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In the event of any fresh permanent appointments being made in the Sydney Customs staff, will preference be given to the temporary men already employed there?
(2.) Is any action being taken to this end, in view of the provisions of the Public Service Act regarding temporary employment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I would remind the Honorable Member that the control of the Customs Department and staff has passed from this Government to the Federal Government.

(7.) Pensions under the Constitution Act:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) How many pensioners are now receiving pensions under Schedule B of the Constitution Act?
(2.) The names of same?
(3.) The annual amounts payable to same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

(8.) Refund of Income Taxes:—Mr. McCoy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the reason of the delay in refunding amounts paid as income tax by persons transferred from the Public Service of this State to that of the Commonwealth, who in the year 1901 did not earn in New South Wales the taxable amount, and who have from time to time applied for the return of the payments made?
(2.) Will he take steps to have such refunds made forthwith?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) No unnecessary delay has taken place where the Departmental requirements have been complied with. Immediately after the completion of the Income Tax Assessment, all refunds are dealt with.
(2.) In all such known cases refunds have been made.

(9.) Dredging Sydney Harbour:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How many dredges are employed by the Department of Public Works in dredging Sydney Harbour?
(2.) The number of men employed on same?
(3.) The amount payable monthly to same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Two (one of which is hired by the Sydney Harbour Trust).
(2.) Thirty-seven.
(3.) £425.

(10.) Bakers Employed in Charitable Institutions and Prisons:—*Mr. Arthur Griffith*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) How many bakers are employed in the charitable institutions and prisons of the State?
(2.) What rate of wages do they receive?
(3.) What hours do they work?
(4.) The names of all men so employed?

Mr. Perry answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for this information in the form of a return.

(11.) Sydney Water Supply:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the water in the Prospect reservoir, through being stagnated, is becoming inferior to that which was being supplied to the people of Sydney and suburbs twelve months ago?
(2.) Is it a fact that the water from the Nepean River, at Penrith, is superior to that supplied from Prospect reservoir?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Water and Sewerage Board insists upon taking water from Menangle, where dead animals are supposed to be lying along its bank?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) It is intended to augment the supply from Menangle and also from Penrith, and arrangements are being made to have the watershed and banks of river systematically patrolled to prevent pollution.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the names of Pensioners under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, and the amounts payable to them annually.

(2.) Copies of Engineer-Surveyor's Report and Shipwright-Surveyor's Report, and other papers, in connection with the s.s. "Balmain."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the erection of a Fire Brigade Station at Pyrmont.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the diversion of Lavender Creek, Murwillumbah South.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Dentists Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith*];—until Tuesday, 18th November.

(2.) Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community. [*Dr. Ross*];—until Thursday next.

5. AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY—METROPOLITAN GAS SUPPLY:—Mr. Law moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Australian Gaslight Company continuing, as a monopoly, to charge the extortionate rate of 4s. per 1,000 feet for gas, is prejudicial to the progress of our great city and suburbs, and warrants the Government, in the interests of the people, resuming such works and everything pertaining to the metropolitan gas supply, and handing the same over to the control of the City Council of "Sydney," with the object of supplying all consumers at a reduction of at least 30 per cent. off the aforesaid monopolistic charge, and thereby liberate our people from the painful necessity of continuing to be supporters of a monopoly which annually declares enormous dividends.

Debate ensued.

Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Sydney," and inserting the words "(2.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire "into and report upon the above matter, such Committee to consist of Sir John See, Mr. Law, "Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Haynes, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Edden, Mr. Anderson, "and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonald,	Sir John See,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Walsh,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Rose.	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. John Hurley,		Mr. Affleck,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Daley.	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Crick,	Mr. Alexander Campbell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question, as amended, put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Australian Gaslight Company continuing, as a monopoly, to charge the extortionate rate of 4s. per 1,000 feet for gas, is prejudicial to the progress of our great city and suburbs, and warrants the Government, in the interests of the people, resuming such works and everything pertaining to the metropolitan gas supply, and handing the same over to the control of the City Council of Sydney.

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Mr. Law,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. John Hurley,	Sir John See,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Walsh,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor.	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. John Storey,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. Affleck,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Henry Clarke,		Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Wright,		Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Jones,		Mr. Crick,	Mr. Williams.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. Resumptions at Darling Harbour, The Rocks, and Devonshire-street Cemetery, &c.:—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The total amount authorised by Parliament to be raised by loan for the payment of resumptions at Darling Harbour, The Rocks, and the Devonshire-street Cemetery, convent, and other lands and buildings in that block.

(2.) The total amount raised to date of the above authorised loans.

(3.) The total amount expended to date on Darling Harbour, Rocks, and Devonshire-street Cemetery, and other buildings, of the money raised.

(4.) On what particular portions the expended money was laid out.

(5.) The estimated total expense of the various resumptions named in paragraph No. 1, and the amounts still due on same.

(6.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to let Parliament say whether that portion between Pitt, Gipps, and George Streets should be resumed, before it decides to do so.

(7.) The estimated cost of the said proposed resumption; and how it is proposed to pay for it if resumed.

Debate ensued.

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

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Fegan and Mr. Sullivan.

7. Legal Profession Practice Bill:—Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice of the legal profession.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. Claims of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Office:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claims of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Evans, Mr. Briner, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Daley, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Progress Report of the Select Committee, brought up in December, 1901, be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

9. Conditional Purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the Parish of Kahibah:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, of 80 acres, situate in the parish of Kahibah, and the forfeiture of the same.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Dick, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Estell, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report of the Select Committee, and Evidence, &c., on the same subject, brought up on 25th February, 1892, be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Sydney Corporation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 89.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the Corporation of the City of Sydney*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(2.) General Legal Procedure Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 90.
Governor.

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

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(3.) Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 91.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the slaughtering of cattle, the destruction of animals dying of disease, and diseased animals and meat*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(4.) Sydney Abattoir and Nuisances Prevention Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 92.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the establishment of a Public Abattoir or place for the slaughtering of cattle for the city of Sydney, and to the licensing of slaughter-houses within the city and suburbs of Sydney, and for the prevention of other nuisances within the same*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(5.) Billards and Bagatelle Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 93.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the keeping of billiard tables and bagatelle boards*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(6.) Width of Streets and Lanes Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 94.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of the width of streets and lanes, and certain other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(7.) Public Parks Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 95.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for the better regulation and protection of public parks or places of public recreation, and of lands dedicated, purchased, or resumed for public purposes; for bringing certain lands within the operation of such enactments; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

2. Henry Waite Bequest Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 96.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the Director of the Government Asylums for the Infirm to pay to the Parramatta District Hospital and the Parramatta Benevolent Society, in equal shares, certain moneys received and receivable by him under the will of the late Henry Waite.

State Government House,
Sydney, 19*th August*, 1902.

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

3. Questions :—

(1.) Military Buildings, Dawes' Point :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Can he give an approximate date when the Military Authorities will demolish their buildings on the Dawes' Point Reserve?

(2.) Is he aware that the alleged paths on the reserve are in a very dangerous state, and a menace to any pedestrians using them; and will he give instructions to make them at least safe for children?

Sir John See answered,—No; but the matter will receive my early attention.

(2.) Consolidation of the Statutes :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who has the appointment of gentlemen on the Consolidation of the Statutes Commission?

(2.) Has it been the special effort of one gentleman to index these Statutes; if so, who; and what have been the fees paid him?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows :—

(1.) His Honor Judge Heydon has been the sole Commissioner, and it is not intended to make any further appointments to the Commission.

(2.) The Consolidated Statutes have not been specially indexed, except as they appeared with other Acts in the Sessional parts issued by the Government Printer at the close of each Session. No arrangements have been made for carrying out the indexing proposals submitted by the Commissioner for the Consolidation of the Statutes in his report of the 22nd ultimo.

(3.) Government Draughtsmen :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the Government Draughtsmen; their respective salaries; who appoints them; and what are their duties?

(2.) Are these gentlemen drafting the Licensing Bill; if not, who is; and what is the payment therefor?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Messrs. J. L. Watkins and G. M. L. Innes, with salaries of £830 and £500 per annum respectively; they are appointed by the Governor-in-Council. Their duties are to prepare all Government measures, and, when so instructed, to revise and report on all private measures; to draft, revise, and report on all by-laws, rules, and regulations; to report on and give opinions upon all questions concerning statutory law referred to them by the Attorney-General.

(2.) No; Mr. Kelynack has been engaged to draft the new Licensing Bill for the fee of 100 guineas. This arrangement was made in view of the fact that the Parliamentary Draughtsman was, at the time, about to leave the State on extended leave of absence, and could not undertake the work. I may add that Mr. Kelynack had carried out the work of consolidating the present Liquor Act, and was therefore considered specially qualified for this work. I may also state that the work of drafting this measure is one of exceptional difficulty, and will involve a great amount of work; and, further, that the fee to be paid is proportionately less than the amounts paid for services of a similar character on previous occasions. The Government had so many important Bills on hand that it was absolutely necessary to employ outside assistance. I may say in addition that Mr. Hamilton, barrister, is acting for Mr. Watkins during his absence from the State.

(4.) Solicitors Struck off the Rolls for Misappropriation of Money:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of at once introducing a Bill to empower the Supreme Court to at once commit to the Court of Gaol Delivery solicitors who have been struck off the rolls for the misappropriation of money the property of their clients?

Sir John See answered,—There is no necessity for any such alteration in the law. The summary punitive power of the Supreme Court over solicitors is an additional liability imposed upon solicitors from which other persons are exempt, and a solicitor can still be proceeded against criminally, after being dealt with by the Court.

(5.) Intestate Estate of Edward Leonard, of Binalong:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that a man named Edward Leonard died some time ago at Binalong, leaving property valued at £200 or thereabouts?

(2.) Is it a fact that this property has come into the hands of the Government through the Curator of Intestate Estates?

(3.) Will he see that a suitable monument or headstone is erected over the man's grave at Binalong at a cost not exceeding £20?

Sir John See answered,—A man named Edward Leonard died at Binalong on the 9th March, 1895, and an order was subsequently made empowering the Curator of Intestate Estates to administer his estate. After realising the estate and paying debts, there remained a sum of £120 3s. 4d., which was duly paid to the Colonial Treasurer on 11th June, 1902. This amount is available for the next of kin of deceased, and can only be obtained by an Order of Court.

(6.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many applications to be allowed to go back upon the Superannuation Fund have been received from Civil Servants who allege that they retired from the fund under a distinct misapprehension; and is it intended, in the proposed Bill dealing with the Superannuation Fund, to provide a clause which will permit of Civil Servants so circumstanced to return to the fund?

Sir John See answered,—Six (6) applications to be allowed to recontribute to the Superannuation Fund have been received from officers who state that they retired from that fund under the circumstances mentioned. It is not intended to include a clause of the nature referred to in any amending Public Service Bill that may be introduced.

(7.) Old-age Pensions Office:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Old-age Pensions Office is located in a very unsuitable building, aged and infirm applicants having to climb a number of stairs and to congregate in narrow passages when waiting to transact their business?

(2.) Will he take steps to have the Department removed to ground-floor premises, with sufficient waiting-room accommodation for the old people?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) When a large number of pension claimants attend, the accommodation is insufficient.

(2.) Steps are being taken with a view to the removal of the office to more suitable premises.

(8.) Introduction of a Building Bill:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Building Bill that will provide for the cutting up of estates, the size of allotments, air space, ventilation, and such matters?

Sir John See answered,—If time permits, the question of a Building Act will be dealt with.

(9.) The Age of Consent:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to raise the age of consent to 18 years; an affiliation law fixing the responsibility upon the father before the birth of the child; and for the suppression of street solicitation?

Sir John See answered,—These subjects will be partly dealt with in a Bill shortly to be introduced dealing with State children.

(10.) Debtors' Prison at Darlinghurst:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many persons are incarcerated in the Debtors' Prison at Darlinghurst?

(2.) When does the Government propose to amend the law in the direction of abolishing imprisonment for debt?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Four.

(2.) When the necessity arises.

(11.) Statement in the Melbourne Press respecting the Unemployed of New South Wales:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he noticed the statement made in the Melbourne Press by a Victorian visitor to Sydney, who alleges that he recently witnessed "the "sorry spectacle of 300 hungry women clamouring at the Premier's office for work for their "husbands," and is there any truth in the statement that such an incident has occurred?

Sir John See answered,—I have not read the statement, nor am I aware of the facts.

(12.) Purchase of Foreshores at Elizabeth Bay, Sydney:—*Mr. Oakes*, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that negotiations are pending between the owners of certain property at Elizabeth Bay, Sydney, and the Harbour Trust Commissioners for the purchase of the foreshores?

(2.) If so, is not such action contrary to the provisions of the Harbour Trust Act?

Sir John See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners:—

(1.) Application for permission to purchase certain reclaimed land at Elizabeth Bay was made some time ago, but as the policy of the Commissioners is against alienating the foreshores of the harbour, application has been refused by the Trust.

(2.) No.

(13.) Members of "A" Battery who went to South Africa:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that every man who went from this State to South Africa in Colonial Contingents received 4s. 6d. per day, except the members of "A" Battery?

(2.) As the men of "A" Battery are not compelled to fight outside Australia, is it not a fact that they volunteered their services in the same way as other contingents?

(3.) Will he see that they are given the same pay, and put all on an equality?

(4.) Is it a fact that all volunteers have received a gratuity for service of some £10, while "A" Battery have received some £3 6s. less?

(5.) Will he put "A" Battery on same basis for gratuity, and make the payments uniform without any invidious distinction?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. "A" Battery, R.A.A., as such, volunteered for service in South Africa with ordinary New South Wales Artillery rates of pay, *plus* Imperial Artillery rates payable in South Africa.

(3.) No. See reply to No. 2; no adjustment of pay due.

(4.) A gratuity equal to fifty-six days New South Wales rate of pay on discharge from "Contingents" was paid by the New South Wales Government in addition to gratuities paid by the Imperial authorities.

(5.) No, as members of "A" Battery, R.A.A., have been settled with in terms of conditions regarding pay, &c., laid down at the time of their volunteering for service in South Africa.

(14.) Application of George Lynn Little for Leave of Absence:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House correspondence, papers, and minutes since June, 1896, relative to the application of George Lynn Little for leave of absence, and re-adjustment of pension?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Copies of these papers will be laid upon the Table as soon as they can be prepared.

(15.) Government Retrenchment:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Seeing the trouble facing us in the future respecting the revenue and expenditure, judging by the past, is it the intention of the Government to adopt the action carried out by the Victorian Government, viz., retrenchment by a scale of percentages from the earnings over £100 per annum, from all receiving payment from the Government, beginning with the Ministers, Officers and Members of this House, and all others down to those not earning over £100 per annum?

Sir John See answered,—This matter will be dealt with when the Colonial Treasurer makes his financial statement.

(16.) Proposed Railway from Maitland to Clarence:—*Mr. Pyers*, for Mr. Thomson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the report of Mr. Usher, of the Railway Department, in connection with proposal to construct railway line on North Coast, from Maitland to Clarence, be completed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that Mr. Usher has been preparing information required by them prior to their personally inspecting the proposed line, which they will do next week. The Commissioners will then report to the Minister for Public Works, as required by the Public Works Act, and the whole matter will form the subject of an inquiry by the Public Works Committee.

(17.) Use of Firearms by Children:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the many serious and fatal accidents that have lately occurred throughout the State from the careless use of firearms, will he see that some steps are taken to prohibit the use of firearms by children under a certain age?

Sir John See answered,—Steps will be taken at an early date to bring in a Bill dealing with this matter.

(18.) Surry Hills South and Parramatta Superior Public Schools:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) (*a*) The name of the teacher lately appointed in charge of the Surry Hills South Superior Public School; (*b*) his present classification; (*c*) date of award of same; (*d*) how long he has been in the Service as a teacher?

(2.) The same information in regard to the teacher in charge of the Superior Public School, Parramatta?

(3.) Were teachers of longer service, and who have held a 1A. certificate for a longer period than either of those referred to above, given an opportunity of saying whether they would accept either of such appointments?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) (*a*) William Radford; (*b*) 1A; (*c*) 1st August, 1902; (*d*) since March, 1875.

(2.) (*a*) William M. Kennedy; (*b*) 1A; (*c*) 1st January, 1901; (*d*) since February, 1881.

(3.) It is not the practice to do this unless the change carries an increase of salary, or the interests of the Department make such a course desirable.

(19.) Vacancy of Accountant in Harbour Trust Department:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the work of the Accountant's Department at the Harbour Trust has been under the charge of Mr. F. N. Yarwood, the Public Accountant, for some months past; and if so, why?

(2.) Is the position of Accountant to the Trust vacant?

(3.) If so, will he give an assurance that deserving applicants already in the Government Service will be given preference to those outside the Government Service, in accordance with the usual custom?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No; Mr. Yarwood was engaged by the Harbour Trust Commissioners to examine and report on the Accounts Branch, which was not considered by them to be in a satisfactory state.

(2.) No, the Secretary has recently been appointed Chief Accountant; the position of Treasurer and Assistant Accountant is vacant.

(3.) Applications will be invited for the position.

(20.) Payment of Public Servants' Salaries:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the hardship inflicted upon Public Servants through their salaries being paid monthly, which compels many to incur credit, for which charges are made for booking, and also in view of the fact that many Public Servants are compelled to borrow at high rates of interest small instalments to carry them on until next pay day, will the Government consider the advisableness of initiating a reform in the payment of the said salaries fortnightly instead of monthly?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is not considered advisable to make any alteration in the present method of paying Civil Servants' salaries. The system in vogue here is, it is understood, identical with that adopted in all the other States.

(21.) Wholesale Exportation of Grain, &c.:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that a large number of ships have been dispatched from the shores of this State laden with full cargoes of grain, each carrying some 30,000 bags, and also in further view of the fact that in some countries the Government prohibits it by a timely decree, will the Government consider the advisableness of introducing legislation which will control such wholesale exportation?

Sir John See answered,—The Government cannot see its way clear to interfere in a matter of this kind.

(22.) Steamers Carrying Passengers upon Excursion:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Quirk, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust issued a notification that no steamers would be allowed to depart from or arrive at any of the wharfs in Sydney Cove for the purpose of carrying passengers upon excursion or other trips outside the regular ferry trips?

(2.) If so, why did they allow excursion steamers to leave the Cove to witness the Coronation illuminations?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners have had this matter under consideration for some time, and have decided that the ferry jetties are only to be used for legitimate ferry purposes; all picnic boats must make use of the jetties at Fort Macquarie which were erected for the purpose.

(2.) Permission was not granted by the Commissioners for excursion steamers to run from Circular Quay on the occasion of the Coronation celebrations, and instructions have been issued which will prevent the jetties at Circular Quay being used again for such purpose.

(23.) General Cemetery for the Northern Suburbs:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area set apart out of the Field of Mars Common for a general cemetery for the Northern suburbs?

(2.) How much of the said area has been prepared by clearing and stumping?

(3.) When is it likely that trustees will be appointed?

(4.) Is it intended to construct a tramway to the cemetery, and when is it likely to be commenced?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) 145 acres 3 roods, dedicated 9th July, 1902.

(2.) Approximately, an area of 120 acres has been cleared and stumped.

(3.) Trustees cannot be appointed until the land is allotted for the use of the various religious denominations.

(4.) This is a question for my honorable colleague, the Minister for Works.

(24.) Carriage of Newspapers on the Railways :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Prior to the transfer of the Postal Services to the Commonwealth, did not the States of New South Wales, Tasmania, and West Australia provide for the free carriage of newspapers by rail?
(2.) Did not the Government of the Commonwealth, after the transfer, invidiously abolish the arrangements made by this State for the free carriage of newspapers by rail, without taking any steps to abolish the free carriage of newspapers by rail either in Tasmania or in West Australia?
(3.) If the free carriage of newspapers had been continued in New South Wales, as at the time of transfer, would not the charges under section 89 of the Constitution Act have fallen upon this State?
(4.) Was the Government of this State, prior to the alteration, consulted in any way by the Government of the Commonwealth as to the stoppage of this service?
(5.) As the finances of this State, and not those of the Commonwealth, were alone affected, will he ascertain why the Postmaster-General interposed to regulate the finances of New South Wales?
(6.) Does he intend to take any action to obtain a remedy for this invidious treatment?

Sir John See answered,—I have received the following from the Railway Commissioners :—"The "Questions do not relate to information which could be supplied by the Railway Commissioners." I do not know what the Honorable Member wants beyond that. It is, of course, not in our power to answer Questions relating to the procedure of other Governments.

(25.) Foreshores and Bays around Sydney Harbour :—*Mr. Jessep*, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to a number of complaints, recently made in the public Press, of the filthy condition of many of the foreshores and bays around Sydney Harbour?
(2.) Will he put himself in communication with the Harbour Trust with the view of fully investigating whether such complaints are well founded?

Sir John See answered,—The Harbour Trust Commissioners are fully aware of the state of the foreshores and bays around Sydney Harbour, and they have a staff employed on cleaning operations, with the result that the following refuse was removed from the harbour and destroyed between the 4th January and the 30th June, 1902 :—1,957 rats, 784 cats, 968 dogs, 225 bags of meat, 236 bags of fish, 1,150 fowls, 25 parrots, 19 sheep, 11 pigs, 1 bullock, 5 calves, 3 flying foxes, 2 goats, 5 hares, 2 sharks, 118 rabbits, and 10 bags of chaff. A complete remedy cannot be effected until the Low-Level Sewerage Scheme shall have been completed, when all the sewage which now flows into the harbour will be intercepted.

(26.) Applications for Leases at Lilyville :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he decided to limit applications for leases at Lilyville to persons earning their livelihood by manual labour only, thus excluding poorly-paid clerks and others from the benefits of the Blockholders Act?

Mr. Crick answered,—A perusal of the Act will afford the Honorable Member the necessary information.

(27.) Wharfs in the Resumed Area :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners intend to grant leases of the resumed wharfs to the various shipping companies and others for a lengthy term—from ten years to twenty-one years?
(2.) If so, do the Harbour Trust Commissioners contemplate effecting all necessary alterations and repairs to the existing wharfs and buildings prior to granting leases?
(3.) Is it not a fact that at the time of the resumption of the Darling Harbour foreshores it was considered absolutely necessary that the Government should have full control of the foreshores, in order that the streets, wharfs, and buildings should be remodelled to suit the growing requirements of the port?
(4.) Is it not a fact that at the time of resumption it was strongly contended that the streets, wharfs, and buildings generally, required immediate reconstruction, and provision made for extending the railway around the foreshores of Darling Harbour as far as Circular Quay, if found to be advisable?
(5.) If such leases are granted, what are the conditions under which the necessary alterations and repairs to the foreshores of Darling Harbour, as laid down by the Act, are to be observed?
(6.) If any leases have been granted, to whom have they been granted, the duration, and the conditions generally of same?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) With a view of reducing or disposing of the claims for disturbance of business, and as far as possible meeting the requirements of the shipping companies, the Harbour Trust Commissioners propose granting leases of the various wharfs to the companies who were previously in occupation.
(2.) The Commissioners will effect any necessary alterations and repairs; any additional accommodation required by the companies will be provided by the Commissioners, a fair rate of interest being charged on the actual cost of the work.
(3 and 4.) The remodelling of the streets, wharfs, and buildings will be done as necessity arises and funds admit. The Commissioners have not lost sight of the original proposal to carry a railway round the foreshores of Darling Harbour as far as Circular Quay; but the traffic which is carried on at the Darling Harbour wharfs is of such a nature that they do not think it would be benefited by a railway. The question of connecting Circular Quay with the railway system is one for the consideration of the Government.
(5.) In granting leases, the Commissioners see that the provisions of the Act are strictly observed.
(6.) This information is, in terms of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, set out at length in the annual report of the Commissioners.

(28.) Police Service:—*Mr. Phillips*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What grounds govern promotion in the Detective Service?
(2.) If seniority, how many detective officers were senior to Detective West in service and promotion; and why has he been appointed senior detective over the heads of such officers, if any?
(3.) Have not several detective officers who have rendered more conspicuous service than Detective West been overlooked in order that this officer should be promoted?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—
(1.) The same rules as in the rest of the Force, as explained in my answer to Question by Mr. Kelly on the 14th instant.
(2.) Four. Promoted for exceptional fitness.
(3.) No.

(29.) Betting Suppression Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he cause such amendments to be effected in the Betting Suppression Act as will enable penalties for gross breaches of the Act for the suppression of betting to be inflicted upon offenders?
(2.) Is he aware of the fact that owing to the faulty character of the existing Act it is well-nigh impossible to secure convictions in the clearest of cases?

Sir John See answered,—The subject will be considered after reference to the Crown Law officers who have conducted such cases.

(30.) Amendment of the Public Instruction Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When does he propose to introduce the promised Bill to amend the Public Instruction Act?

Mr. Perry answered,—If the Honorable Member will look at the Business Paper, he will see that this Bill has been introduced.

4. Local Government Bill:—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from George William Payne, Mayor, and Henry Stumbles, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of North Illawarra, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realisation of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.
Petition received.

5. Paper:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for Railway Departmental Residences at Rocky Ponds.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Newcastle Sewerage Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of* 1892, *and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of* 1892, *and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

7. Wagga Wagga Cattle-driving Bill:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

8. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Moree, Mr. Webster, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "necessity to Petition the Commonwealth Senate, urging them to remove the disabilities imposed "on State Members in the Federal Electoral Bill, whereby they are rendered incapable of "contesting a Federal Election."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Webster moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

9. University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900.
Question put and passed.

10. Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam) Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
Question put and passed.

11. Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That "A Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage "of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and "Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for other "purposes,"—which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

12. Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

13. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (*Richmond Bridge*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond, at a cost not exceeding £22,000, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, subject to the modification recommended by the said Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.

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

(2.)

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th August.

15. TUCKIAN FLOOD ESCAPE SCHEME BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of the flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of the flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of the flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th August.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir John See informed the House that he had been in communication with the Government Astronomer, and had learned, with much satisfaction, that a fairly general rainfall had taken place (and was still continuing) in the North-western District of this State; and he thought the House would join him in thankfulness to the Almighty for this much needed relief in a prolonged drought.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Sydney Mint Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 97.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Mint*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th August*, 1902.

(2.) Labour Settlement Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 98.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the establishment and regulation of labour settlements on Crown lands*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st August*, 1902.

(3.) Dedication by User Limitation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 99.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to dedication by user*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 21*st August*, 1902.

(4.) Usury, Bills of Lading, and Written Memoranda Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 100.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to usury, interest, and to certain instruments and contracts,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st August*, 1902.

(5.) Standard Time Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 101.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the establishment of a standard of time in the State of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st August*, 1902.

(6.) Agricultural Society Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 102.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the vesting of certain land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, subject to certain conditions, and the suspension of all rights of common in respect of such land,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st August*, 1902.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Returned Soldiers from South Africa :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many returned soldiers from South Africa have made application for employment in the Tramway Service since the 1st January, 1902?

(2.) How many have received appointments in this service during the same period?

(3.) How many returned soldiers from South Africa have made applications for employment in the Railway Service since 1st January, 1902?

(4.) How many have received appointments during the same period?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 3.) Since the 1st January, 1902, there have been altogether 320 applications received for employment in the Railway and Tramway Services. It is not practicable to state separately how many applied for each Department, as the majority asked for any employment under the Railway Commissioners. This does not include returned soldiers who may have been among 1,800 applicants in reply to an advertisement for tramway conductors in April last, which were not recorded individually.

(2 and 4.) Ten returned soldiers have been passed for employment in the Railway Department and seventy-eight for employment in the Tramway Department since 1st January, 1902, exclusive of any who may have been given temporary or casual employment in country districts.

(2.) Public Service :—*Mr. Levy*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The total number of employees of the State in the various branches of the Public Service controlled by the Public Service Board?

(2.) The total number of employees in the Railway and Tramway Services controlled by the Railway Commissioners?

(3.) The quantity of goods carried by the railways in 1901?

(4.) The number of passengers carried by the railways and tramways in 1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The number of permanent employees coming under the provisions of the Public Service Act at 30th June last (including those "unclassified," whose services are not wholly at the disposal of the Government) was, approximately, 12,215. The number of persons temporarily employed under sections 37 and 38 of the Public Service Act at 31st December last, which is the latest date for which complete information is available, was 1,105; this does not include workmen employed on daily wages at Fitzroy Dock and similar establishments, nor roads maintenance men.

With regard to Questions 2, 3, and 4, I am informed that the information is not compiled for calendar years. That for the financial year ended 30th June last has been supplied by the Railway Commissioners as follows :—

(2.) The total staff employed in the Railways and Tramways on the 30th June last was 18,574.

(3.) 6,163,977 tons.

(4.) Railways, 30,885,214; Tramways, 108,135,111.

(3) Appointment of Superintendent of Fisheries Investigations and Fish Hatcheries:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. H. C. Dannevig has been appointed Superintendent of Fisheries Investigations and Fish Hatcheries?
(2.) If so, what is the nature of this officer's duties?
(3.) Is the appointment a temporary or a permanent one?
(4.) What salary attaches to the position?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes. Mr. Dannevig was engaged through the Agent-General. He is a Norwegian by birth, and for the past seven or eight years had charge of the hatching work carried on by the Fishery Board for Scotland at Aberdeen.
(2.) To establish and conduct the working of a hatchery and ponds for the propogation of marine fish and crustaceæ, and to carry out such investigations respecting the fisheries of this State as may be required of him.
(3.) The appointment is a permanent one, and has been approved by the Governor-in-Council.
(4.) £300 per annum, which was provided for on last year's Estimates.

(4.) Case of Graham *v.* Schwink, Central Police Court:—Mr. J. F. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the case of Graham *v.* Schwink, tried before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., at the Central Police Court, on 20th December, 1901, for removing furniture to evade payment of rent, and to which charge the defendant pleaded guilty, is it a fact that Mr. Wilshire gave a verdict for the defendant?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—I understand that the case was dismissed on the evidence, the complainant Graham having failed to prove his case. Evidence was given on oath by both parties, defendant denying that she had committed the act alleged.

(5.) Supply of Carbolic Disinfectant for the Public Service:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) It having been officially stated by him, in reply to a Question on 13th August, that the contractor for the supply of carbolic disinfectant had been found supplying material with only 6 per cent. of carbolic acid instead of 24 per cent., has he taken any steps, or will he take such steps as are necessary, to institute a prosecution?
(2.) Was the contract annulled forthwith on the contractor being found supplying a disinfectant wholly worthless as a preventive of epidemics?
(3.) Have steps been taken to debar the contractor from tendering in future?

Sir John See answered,—No; for the reason that the contractor has furnished what is regarded as a satisfactory explanation.

(6.) Public Debt of the State:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—By what amount has the interest payable on the Public Debt increased during the last three years?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The amounts paid as interest on the Public Debt for the past three years are as follows, namely:—During the year ended 30th June, 1900, £2,310,540; during the year ended 30th June, 1901, £2,346,848; during the year ended 30th June, 1902, £2,499,748.

(7.) Public Service and Railway Employees:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the annual amount of salaries and wages paid to the Civil Service and railway employees?
(2.) What proportion does such amount bear to the annual revenue?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information, which will take some time to obtain, will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(8.) Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What amount was at the credit of the Assurance Fund, under the Real Property Act, on the 30th June, 1902?
(2.) How many claims have been made against the fund since its inception?
(3.) The amount of such claim or claims?
(4.) The names of the parties in receipt of same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Balance at credit of the fund in Treasury books on 30th June, 1902, £197,038 9s. 9d.
(2, 3, and 4). Endeavour will be made to obtain the information. As, however, the fund has been in existence very nearly forty years, the task is one of considerable magnitude.

(9.) Retirement of a certain Officer from the Public Works Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it true that a certain officer, who was retired from the Works Department, has received a refund of the whole of his contributions to the Superannuation Fund and a gratuity of £300, in addition to a pension of £40 per annum; if not, on what conditions has he been so retired?
(2.) What are the special circumstances, if any, connected with this case to warrant the above course being pursued?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Service Board is not aware what officer is referred to, but it is a fact that there are persons in receipt of pensions who have also received gratuities and a refund of their payments to the superannuation account. Such pensions are payable under the provisions of the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, which was passed in 1899, and a list of the persons in receipt thereof will be found in the Appendix No. 1 (page 33) to the Report of the Public Service Board for the year 1899.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. John Hurley, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) From B. Geddes, President, and E. Burford Treatt, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Committee at Canbelego.

(2.) From A. T. Telfer, Chairman, and W. Bean Smith, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association at Castle Hill.

(3.) From T. G. Butts, Chairman, and W. H. Easum, Secretary, of Berrigan Progress Association.

(4.) From J. W. Boag, Acting Chairman, and H. E. Threlss, Honorary Secretary, of Seaham Progress Association.

Petitions received.

5. TIMBER REGULATIONS:—Mr. Price presented a Petition from George W. Mitchell, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Bungwald, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the removal of disabilities under which those engaged in the timber industries have laboured; that Petitioners view with concern the alienation of forest lands by the Crown; that the Crown Lands Act of 1884 confers power upon the Crown sufficient to deal with every phase of the question; that the new regulations are prejudicial to the industry; that the collection of royalties should be upon the output of the mills; that the Forestry Branch of the Lands Department should be removed to the Timber Branch of the Public Works Department; that regulations based on the suggestions of the Forestry Conference held in October, 1890, should be adopted; and praying for consideration.

Petition received.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Phillips brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. PAPER:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Return respecting travelling expenses of Supreme Court Judges, District Court Judges, Crown Prosecutors, and Judges' Associates.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. PETITIONS (*Amended Standing Order*) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 81 be amended by the insertion, after the word "writing," of the following words, "or type-written."

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.		Noes, 27.
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Broughton,
Sir John See,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Price,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Carroll,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Fleming.	Mr. Fullick.
Mr. McNeill,	*Tellers*,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Henry Clarke,		
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Law.	Mr. Hawthorne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

10. DUTIES ON IMPORTED FODDER—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Ashton proceeding to move, without Notice, pursuant to Standing Order 395, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of passing a resolution praying His Excellency the Governor to make provision for the importation of fodder through the agency of the Government, on proper guarantees from stockowners, the duties to be paid by the State,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Edden submitted that as this matter had been discussed last week on a motion for the adjournment of the House, under the 49th Standing Order, the same subject could not be again brought forward and discussed in the same Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that in his opinion the 395th Standing Order was intended to permit any Member, the House approving, to do that which the Standing Orders would prevent, hence the necessity for suspending such Standing Orders. Mr. Ashton sought to do that in the manner prescribed, and it was not the duty of the Speaker to intervene and prevent the House from deciding whether the matter was one of urgency.

Mr.

Mr. Ashton then concluded his explanation, and moved the motion.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 51.	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. McCoy.	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Moxham,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Brunker,		Sir John See,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gilbert.	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Carruthers,		Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Chapman,		Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Coleman,		Mr. Edden,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Evans,		Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Dick,		Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Ferguson,		Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Wright,		Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. John Hurley,		Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Rose,		Mr. Richards,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Quirk,		Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Mackenzie,		Mr. McGowen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wood,		Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Carroll,		Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Ashton,		Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,		Mr. Cann,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Fleming,		Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Moore,		Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Phillips,		Mr. Price,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Mahony,		Mr. Davis,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Jessep,		Mr. Webster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Balmain North, Mr. John Storey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "very careless manner in which our Navigation Law is being administered by the officers of that "Department."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Storey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

12. Municipal Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 *AUGUST*, 1902, a.m.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Common Carriers Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 103.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the rights and liabilities of common carriers by land,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25*th August*, 1902.

(2.) Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 104.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to life, fire, and marine insurance,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25*th August*, 1902.

(3.) Children's Protection Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 105.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments providing for the protection of children in certain cases,*—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25*th August*, 1902.

(4.) Prince Alfred Hospital Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message* No. 106.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the Prince Alfred Hospital,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26*th August*, 1902.

(5.) Butchers' Shops Sunday Closing Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 107.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the closing of butchers' shops on Sundays,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26*th August*, 1902.

(6.) Savings Bank of New South Wales Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 108.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Savings Bank of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26*th August*, 1902.

(7.) Water Rights Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 109.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to water rights,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26*th August*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Detention of Vessels, Newcastle Harbour:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The names and list of vessels which have been detained at Newcastle Harbour, owing to the want of tugs, for the last six months?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(2.) Appointment of Captain Jackson:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Captain Jackson been at sea for forty years; and what qualifications does he possess for the duties of letting houses to suitable tenants, and seeing that the properties of the Government on the Rocks are not being neglected?
(2.) Is it a fact that he is unnecessarily severe on the tenants?
(3.) What staff has he?
(4.) Was he over the regulation age when appointed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Captain Jackson was at sea for thirty years. For the last ten years he has had charge of the letting and looking after of all Government resumed property, which has been done in a satisfactory manner.
(2.) No.
(3.) Twenty-eight. This number includes officers dealing with compensation matters, and officers in charge of public wharfs outside the port of Sydney.
(4.) When Captain Jackson was appointed on 1st November, 1884, there was no regulation as to age.

(3.) Exchange of the Byalla Estate, near Gunning:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) How long is it since negotiations were entered into for the exchange of the Byalla Estate, near Gunning?
(2.) In what stage is the matter now?
(3.) Why has there been so much delay?
(4.) When will the land be available for the people to take up and make homes for themselves?
(5.) In what way is it proposed to deal with the land when ready for occupation?

Mr. Crick answered,—The first proposal was made in 1896, and included lands in different districts. This fact caused a reference to different surveyors and Land Boards; but delay was caused by the applicant amending his proposals, and withdrawing some of the lands he had offered to surrender. The case was ultimately referred to the Land Appeal Court and favourably reported upon. Survey of the completed exchange has just been completed, and the land will shortly be made ready for disposal. Five blocks have been designed for additions to adjoining selections, part of one to be offered for sale by auction to enable the selector of adjoining land to acquire it, six for homestead selection, and one for settlement lease.

(4.) Contracts for Government Bores:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Macdonell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have a clause inserted in all contracts for Government bores for artesian water to provide for a minimum wage and for the reduction of the working hours to eight hours per shift?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This is already provided for in the Conditions of Contract.

(5.) Hospital for Insane, Parramatta:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many men patients have had to be removed from the ward at Hospital for Insane, Parramatta, where the female nurses have lately been employed?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of the Insane:—"That owing "to the opening of new wards at Rydalmere, part of the excess of patients at Parramatta has been "transferred there, and the patients were chosen mainly from the ward referred to. Fifty men "were thus transferred, and in addition some twenty more were moved to other wards in "Parramatta."

(6.) Proposed State Clothing Factory:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—What arrangements, if any, have been so far made for commencing the proposed State Clothing factory?

Sir John See answered,—The necessary alterations to the buildings secured for the purpose will be completed this week, when possession can be taken.

(7.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What means, if any, have been devised for conserving the comparatively small quantity of water upon which the metropolitan area is now dependent?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following reply:—The use of water for other than purely domestic and trade purposes has been absolutely forbidden, and all consumers have been personally enjoined to exercise the utmost economy. The staff of inspectors has been temporarily increased to permit of systematic house-to-house inspections of all water fittings, in order to prevent waste or misuse. The necessary steps for augmenting the present storage by pumping from the Nepean River at Menangle and Penrith have been approved, and the preliminary work is in progress.

(8.) Importation of Articles by New South Wales Government:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet obtained the opinion of the Crown Law Officers on the Question asked by Mr. Levy on 23rd July, *re* the collection of duties by the Federal authorities upon articles imported by the New South Wales State Government?

Sir John See answered,—Yes, an opinion has been given by the Solicitor-General, in which the Attorney-General concurs.

(9.) Retirement of Mr. Croft from Public Works Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that a certain officer, named Croft, who was recently retired from the Works Department, has received a refund of the whole of his contributions to the Superannuation Fund and a gratuity of £300, in addition to a pension of £40 per annum; if not, on what conditions has he been so retired?

(2.) What are the special circumstances, if any, connected with this case to warrant the above course being pursued?

Sir John See answered,—No officer of the name of Croft has been retired from the Public Works Department, but the Honorable Member probably refers to Mr. A. C. Croft, who was formerly Post and Telegraph Master at Parliament House, and was retired on the reorganisation of the Postal and Telegraph Department in 1896. In connection with his retirement, he was granted a gratuity of £336 15s. 11d., together with a refund of his contributions to the Superannuation Account of £103 8s. 9d., and he is now in receipt of a pension of £40 12s. per annum, which is granted under the provisions of the Public Service (Superannuation) Act of 1899.

(10.) Assessment of Land Tax on Properties in Moore-street:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that the Taxation Commissioners, in assessing the Land Tax for this year, have refused to allow the owners of properties included in the improvement area under the Moore-street Improvement Act of 1890 a deduction of the amounts respectively levied upon them under the said Act as being the alleged permanent enhancement in the unimproved values of their properties caused by the widening of the street; and, if such be the case, will he state upon what grounds such refusal has been made?

Sir John See answered,—The Commissioners propose to allow a deduction from the land tax on these properties at the rate of 6d. in the £ upon the amount of the betterment instalment paid by way of interest each year.

(11.) Roads of the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount does he propose to expend upon the roads of the State during the current financial year?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is not possible to say exactly the amount that Parliament will be asked to vote, as Cabinet has not finally dealt with the draft Estimates as prepared by the various Departments.

(12.) Half-time and House-to-House School Teachers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What annual allowance is made itinerant teachers connected with half-time and house-to-house schools?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that such allowance is absolutely inadequate under present drought conditions, and will he increase same for the time being, and until the drought breaks up?

Mr.

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) The amount authorised by the Regulations is £10 per annum.
(2.) I am aware; and the course now suggested by the Honorable Member was adopted months ago.

(13.) Pay and Allowances of the Military Forces:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that a Committee was appointed on the 24th June, 1901, for the purpose of inquiring into the pay and allowances of the Military Forces, and for the purpose of drawing up a scale of pay and allowances for the Military Forces?
(2.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the report prepared by such Committee?
(3.) Will he furnish Parliament with the names of the Committee?

Sir John See answered,—
(1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the report referred to.
(3.) Colonel Finn, Military Commandant, Queensland (President); Colonel Templeton, C.M.G., V.D., Victoria; Captain Creswell, C.M.G., Naval Commandant, Queensland; Colonel Waddell, 2nd Regiment Infantry, New South Wales; Major T. F. Knox, New South Wales Lancers.

3. Timber Regulations:—Mr. Burgess presented a Petition from Roderick Joseph King, Chairman, and William Brighton, Honorary Secretary, of a Public Meeting held at Wyalong, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the removal of disabilities under which those engaged in the timber industries have laboured; that Petitioners view with concern the alienation of forest lands by the Crown; that the Crown Lands Act of 1884 confers power upon the Crown sufficient to deal with every phase of the question; that the new regulations are prejudicial to the industry; that the collection of royalties should be upon the output of the mills; that the Forestry Branch of the Lands Department should be removed to the Timber Branch of the Public Works Department; that regulations based on the suggestions of the Forestry Conference, held in October, 1890, should be adopted; and praying for consideration.
Petition received.

4. Public Places Advertisements Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from certain persons engaged in work connected with public advertising, representing that Petitioners gain their livelihood and support their families by employment in connection with public advertisements; that the passage of the Public Places Advertisements Bill as introduced will throw many of them out of employment; that Petitioners are not in sympathy with the disfigurement of public places; that a system of licensing and of regulating the business of advertising in public places ought to prevent any cause for complaint; that a large amount of capital has been invested in the business; and that many trades and callings derive advantages from the sale of goods and material, and the employment of labour; and praying the House to refer the said Bill to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from certain Advertising and Bill-posting Proprietors, representing that the passage of the Public Places Advertisements Bill as introduced will seriously injure Petitioners, and throw many of their employees out of employment; that a large amount of capital has been invested in the business; and that many trades and callings derive advantages from the sale of goods and material, and the employment of labour; that many landowners derive income from the rent of hoardings; that Petitioners are not in sympathy with the disfigurement of public places; that a system of licensing bill-posters and others engaged in public advertising should be adopted; and praying the House to refer the said Bill to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
Petition received.

(3.) Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from certain Business People interested in a proper system of public advertising, representing that Petitioners use advertisements in public places in bringing their business before the public; that a system of licensing should be adopted; that the Public Places Advertisements Bill should not be passed as introduced; and praying the House to refer the said Bill to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
Petition received.

5. Papers:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting Accidents in the Broken Hill District during the last ten years.
(2.) Return respecting inspection of Abandoned Workings of Coal Mines.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting special leave of absence to Mr. John Dettmann, Inspector of Schools.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Letter from Mr. Norman Selfe relating to the Plans prepared by him, and which were laid upon the Table on 17th December, 1901,—"Remodelling of 'The Rocks' Resumed Area."
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the extension to Lands and Survey Office at Tamworth.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report and Appendices prepared by the Commonwealth Defence Pay Committee, assembled at Sydney, August, 1901.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return respecting Buildings rented by the Government.

(3.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1902.

(4.) Return respecting Commission paid to Auctioneers by the Curator of Intestate Estates on the sale of real estate.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. EXTRACT FROM THE *Contemporary Review*, OF OCTOBER, 1900, ENTITLED "A COLONIST'S VIEWS ON ARMY REFORM":—Mr. Frank Farnell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Papers, respecting the extract from the *Contemporary Review*, of October, 1900, entitled "A Colonist's "Views on Army Reform," laid upon the Table of this House and referred to the Printing Committee on the 12th August, 1902, and reported upon on the 14th August, 1902, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.

Question put and passed.

7. PUBLIC PLACES ADVERTISEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Sleath moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and "report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cohen, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Meagher, Mr. J. C. L. "Fitzpatrick, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Daley, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Evans, Mr. J. F. Smith, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Crick,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Henry Clarke.

Tellers,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Daley.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Eden George,
Sir John See,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Millard.

Tellers,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir John See,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Power,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Morton.

Tellers,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Young,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Macdonell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 16.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Sir John See,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Mackenzie,	*Tellers,*
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Sullivan.
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Fallick.	
Mr. Quinn,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Nicholson,		
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. W. F. Hurley.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Crick moved, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 17.
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Carroll,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Oakes.	Mr. Power,
Mr. Collins,	*Tellers,*	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Fegan,		
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Affleck.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. COMMONWEALTH PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Sleath moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Quirk, Mr. Edden, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. W. F. Hurley, "Mr. Hogue, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Richards, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Quinn, and the "Mover,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question,—
(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Quirk, Mr. Edden, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Richards, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Quinn, and the Mover,—put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1902.

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

PETITIONS (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had presented to His Excellency the Governor the amended Standing Order No. 81, adopted by the House on the 21st instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 110.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th August, 1902.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Increases to Men Working on Railways and Tramways:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the increases due to men working on the railways and tramways, which should have been paid from 1st July, have not yet been paid?

(2.) Is he also aware of the fact that men have been in the Service for two years and are yet only receiving 6s. 6d. per day, although the regulation states that an increase of 6d. is to be given after twelve months' service?

(3.) Will he see that the increases, as provided by such regulation, are promptly paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) It is incorrect to assume that all the staff are eligible for an increase after one year's service. In some instances the regulations require two years. The particular increases referred to will be paid from the 1st of July last.

(2.) Areas Required for Forestry Purposes:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it held by his Department that power is given, under part 6 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to dedicate areas required for forestry purposes for a term of years?

(2.) Is it considered that there is a limit to the term for which such lands can be so dedicated, or any limit as to the area that may be so dedicated?

(3.) Are regulations framed under the Crown Lands Act to permit of royalties being collected on the output of the sawmills?

(4.) Does he attach any condition he may deem fit to any license to cut timber; if so, does he exercise the power of arranging for payment of royalty on the output either as a condition of a license, or as a matter of agreement between the saw-miller and the Crown?

(5.) In what respect did the recent trial of the "output system" in the case of Langley Brothers fail to satisfy the Department?

Mr.

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1 and 2.) There are general powers in the Act of 1884 to dedicate Crown Lands and to revoke dedications.
(3.) No.
(4.) The conditions cannot go outside the prescriptions of the Act, but in one case an arrangement was made by way of experiment.
(5.) The Department was not placed in a position to satisfy itself on all matters which it deemed necessary.

(3.) Temporary Water Scheme from Menangle and Penrith:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that he said, by way of interjection when the Honorable Member for Newcastle East, on the 14th instant, was speaking, that the money for the purpose of carrying out the temporary water scheme from Menangle and Penrith was provided for "by an old Vote for the waterworks"?
(2.) Is the money alluded to now in hand, or is it a Loan Bill by which he considers it can be raised for the purpose?
(3.) If it has to be raised by authority of an old Loan Bill, or if it is in hand as the proceeds of an old loan, can he use it, seeing the Audit Act lately passed confiscates all Loan Bills or loan moneys over two years old?
(4.) Will he state the age of the authority by which the money alluded to is to be secured for expenditure?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) I do recollect stating that we had funds on existing Loan Votes.
(2.) There are balances available on Loan Acts 60 Vic. No. 32, 63 Vic. No. 42, 64 Vic. No. 60 and No. 62, 1901.
(3.) The balances on the Votes mentioned in answer to Question 2 are still available.
(4.) See reply to Question 2.

(4.) Solicitors Struck off the Rolls for Misappropriation of Moneys:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Mr. Kelly's Question relative to giving power to the Full Court to commit direct to the Court Gaol Delivery a solicitor who has been struck of the roll for misappropriation of a client's money,—
(1.) Is he aware that the inclusion of this power will throw the onus of prosecution directly on the shoulders of the Crown, and place the defrauded person in the position of Crown witness?
(2.) Is he aware that the power to prosecute at the present time lays the onus on the shoulders of the person defrauded as a private individual?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information:—I do not think that solicitors should be treated differently from other persons charged with criminal offences. In many cases at the present time the preliminary investigation before the Magistrate is conducted by the Crown.

(5.) Selections of Land made by Mr. S. Greenhalgh and Mr. Allen, of Forbes District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Under what Act, and what clause of the Land Act, was one S. Greenhalgh, a selector in the Forbes District, allowed to cross over the creek in the Molong District, at Eugowra, county of Ashburnham, and to take up an extra area of land that does not adjoin his original conditional purchase, and without residence, but of land situated in another county?
(2.) The same information, under what clause of the Land Act was one Mr. Allen, a resident selector in the Forbes District, allowed to cross the main road, and also the travelling stock route half a mile wide, and to take up an additional area to his present holding of land not adjoining his original conditional purchase, but of land situated in the county of Ashburnham, in the Molong District, being 320 acres, a part of the Nanami Exchange Land, Nos. 58, 59, and 60, and which makes the area of his holding 2,500 acres?
(3.) If these selectors are allowed to increase the area of their holding of land not adjoining their original purchase, and without residence, will he see that the same right and privilege is allowed to other selectors to do the same, and to increase their holdings without residence, or bring in an amended Land Bill to that effect?

Mr. Bennett answered—
Section 27 (III) of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 provides that the intervention of any road not being a frontage or intended frontage road between an original conditional purchase and any additional conditional purchase or conditional lease shall not be an objection to the measurement of the land applied for. But no additional conditional purchase or conditional lease shall be allowed of land not on the same side of any frontage road or watercourse or other prescribed frontage as the purchase or purchases by virtue of which such additional conditional purchase or conditional lease is applied for unless all the available land on that side has been exhausted. In the latter case, such additional conditional purchase or purchases or conditional lease may be measured on the opposite side of such frontage.

(6.) Schooner "Kongsbyrd":—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that the Sydney-owned schooner "Kongsbyrd" sailed from Newcastle for New Zealand, on the 20th instant, without a sea-going certificate, and in defiance of the Deputy Superintendent of Navigation?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is a fact that the Sydney-owned schooner "Kongsbyrd" sailed from Newcastle for New Zealand on the 20th instant, without having a sea-going certificate and in defiance of the orders of the Deputy Superintendent of Navigation. The matter has been referred to the Crown Solicitor to institute proceedings against the owners of the vessel for sending her to sea without a certificate, and to advise what steps should be taken against the master for taking the vessel to sea in defiance of the Deputy Superintendent.

(7.) Supply of Hewn Ironbark for the Government:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that according to the reply given by the Minister on Tuesday, 19th August, *re* ironbark logs, that the tender accepted will cost £3 6s. 7d. more for delivery at Clarence Town than the lowest tender sent in for delivery at Newcastle, and that the total cost of the timber by the time it is delivered at Newcastle, according to tender accepted, will cost £76 12s. 2d., or about 17 per cent. more than had the lowest tender been accepted?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Clarence Town Timber Getters' and Carters' Association consist of only five men; if not, what number composes this company?

(3.) Is it a fact that the timber is to be paid for as it is delivered on the river bank, and for the purpose of doing so the money is to be placed in the hands of Mr. Purcell, the local publican, and Mr. James Lyall, secretary of the Williams River Steamship Company, whereas had the lowest tenderers got the contract would they not have had to wait for payment till it was all delivered, or nearly three months?

(4.) Is it a fact that out of the total sum to be paid (£511 11s. 2d.) the Williams River Steamship Company will receive for freight about £62 16s. 3d., and that the loading on trucks will cost about £10 9s. 4d. out of the total sum?

(5.) Is it not a fact that there is a rule in the Works Department that no wages will be paid in a public-house; if so, what is the reason for placing the money in the hands of a publican to be paid to the parties, even outside the door?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the estimated difference in cost is £49 7s. 10d., and not £76 12s. 2d. as stated. The expenditure was authorised for what was virtually a relief work to help distressed settlers in this district.

(2.) I am informed that twenty or more names are registered in this Association.

(3.) Payments will be made upon delivery in ship's slings, Clarence Town, after inspection; payments are to be placed to credit of the President and the Secretary of the Association in the Bank of New South Wales, Dungog. Henry Allen, Secretary to the Association, quoted for the supply of the timber; but since the contract was let, the Department has been notified of the appointment of M. Purcell and R. Lyall as President and Secretary respectively to the Association, to whom payments will be made.

(4.) The estimated total cost of the timber is £484 6s. 10d., and not £511 11s. 2d. as stated. The Department has not arranged with the Williams River Steamship Company for freighting timber from Clarence Town to Newcastle.

(5.) The payments will be made as stated in reply to Question No. 3.

(8.) State Car Built for the Duke and Duchess of York:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the construction of the state car built for the Duke and Duchess of York certain matters were overlooked, necessitating expenditure to allow the car to proceed?

(2.) If so, what was the amount of this unlooked-for expenditure?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed there was nothing overlooked in the construction of the car, necessitating any unlooked-for expenditure.

(9.) Sums Paid in Excess of the Amount Voted by Parliament:—Mr. Quinn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any official of the Water and Sewerage Board been paid sums in excess of the amount voted by Parliament last year?

(2.) If so, who is the official; the amount paid him; and from what fund or Vote?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) T. J. Roseby, Assessor, was, under special and exceptional circumstances, paid a bonus of £25, chargeable to the Vote for contingencies.

(10.) First Battalion of the Australian Commonwealth Horse:—*Mr. Moxham*, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to an omission on the part of the Imperial authorities to award medals to the First Battalion of the Australian Commonwealth Horse, who were engaged on active service against the Boers from the 20th March until the conclusion of peace, and to which medals they were entitled in accordance with a Military Order published in the London *Times* some time since, to the effect that all troops landed in South Africa prior to 5th May would be entitled to medals?

(2.) Will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to have these medals awarded?

Sir John See answered,—This matter rests with the Federal authorities.

(11.) Bankruptcy Estate Fund:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount to the credit of the Bankruptcy Estate Fund on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£16,996 19s. 7d.

(12.) Treasury Notes:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of Treasury Notes issued by the Government during the financial crisis of 1893?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£358,500.

(13.) Carriage of Fodder on the Railways:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it not a fact that the carriage of fodder on the railways for starving stock absolutely free, together with the remission of rent instalments and land tax in drought-stricken districts, would amount to a concession more than equivalent to the remission of fodder duties?

Sir John See answered,—The Commissioners for Railways have furnished the following information:—So far as the railways are concerned the extent of the concession varies according to the distance the fodder is hauled. For instance, from Sydney to Dubbo the concession is for hay, straw, and chaff, 8s. 1d. per ton, and for grain 18s. 11d. per ton; while it would be for hay, straw, and chaff, 11s. 2d. per ton, and for grain 29s. 6d. per ton to Bourke; and without going into an elaborate return, it cannot be said what would be the average of the concession. I think it would amount to an average of about 18s. per ton, all round.

(14.) Tramway and Railway Employees:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the average weekly rate of earnings of tramway and railway employees who received increments on the 1st July of this financial year?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Member would postpone this Question for a week to admit of the average, &c., being worked out.

(15.) Public Works in the Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Are there any contracts for road works in the Molong District being carried out at the present time; if so, will he state where such works are being carried out, by whom, and the amount to be expended in such works respectively?
(2.) The amount of money that has been expended in the erection of public works in the Molong District since the 1st January last; the nature and cost of such works; and by whom such works were carried out?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Contracts for road works are being carried out in Molong electorate, but particulars as to location, names of contractors, and amounts are not immediately available. They will be obtained from the resident officer and the information furnished to the Honorable Member.
(2.) This information can only be obtained from the local officers. This will be done without delay, and when received replies will be forwarded.

(16.) Eight-hours System in the Railway and Tram Service:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In view of alterations that came into force on the 1st July last regarding carrying out the provisions of the principle of employees in the railway and tram service working only eight hours per day, will he obtain from the Railway Commissioners a statement as to the exact number and class of employees to whom this special provision more particularly applies, or if it applies to all employees in the railway and tram service alike?
(2.) Are night watchmen, platform porters, goods shed porters, and others employed at railway stations in country districts included in this list; if not, why are they debarred from the provisions of the eight-hour principle that is granted to their more fortunate fellow-workers engaged in Sydney and suburbs?
(3.) If the principle of eight hours per day for railway and tramway employees be a sound one, why is it made applicable to one class only and not all round in city and country districts alike?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed the employees principally affected by the recent extension of the eight-hour principle are known as the running staff; 1,637 men on the railways had their hours reduced, and 1,614 on the tramways.
(2.) No.
(3.) It was decided to confine the extension of the privilege to the staff actually engaged in running trains or trams.

(17.) Free Passes on Trams and Railways to Aldermen of the City:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it true that aldermen of this city have been provided with passes on trams and railways?
(2.) Who made application for the concession?
(3.) Will he consider the advisability of adopting the season-ticket system on the trams for the public convenience, on the same basis as exists on the railways?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1 and 2.) I am informed the Mayor made application for the issue of passes on the tramways in view of the exceptional business relationship between the tramways and the City Council. Passes were declined, but, as a special case, the issue of an annual ticket to cover tramways only for the city aldermen was approved.
(3.) The Commissioners have had this question up for consideration on a number of occasions, but there are many objections to a general system of season tickets on tramways, and this is recognised by all tramway companies.

(18.) Amending Libel Law:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the proprietor of a newspaper published in the Monaro District was recently cast in damages and heavy costs for having published verbatim the report of a meeting of the local Hospital Committee?
(2.) Is he aware of the fact that under the English Act the publication of such reports, without editorial comment, is privileged?
(3.) Will he take early steps this Session to pass an Amending Libel Law, drafted on such lines as will bring it into conformity with the English Act?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished the following answers:—
(1.) I am not aware.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Attention is invited to reply given by me to Question asked on 17th June last.

(19.) Mail Contractors Carrying Government Goods, &c.:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has it been the custom in the past for mail contractors, who are coach proprietors, to carry Government goods, parcels, &c.?

(2.) Is that still the custom?

(3.) If not, what is the reason for sending Government goods by other coach proprietors?

Sir John See answered,—This is a matter which more properly belongs to the Federal Government than to the State Government.

(20.) Leases of Wharfs, &c., granted to Dalgety & Co.:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Sydney Harbour Trust granted any lease or leases to Dalgety & Co. for any wharfs, warehouses, &c., in addition to that at Merriman-street, Miller's Point; and, if so, what are the particulars of rental of wharfs and stores respectively; also, area of each and the period of such lease?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the Sydney Harbour Trust have not granted any such leases.

(21.) Works Carried out by the Government by Day Labour:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money has been expended in connection with the excavation and putting in foundations of new hotel, corner of George and Gipps Streets, Sydney (carried out by the Government by day labour) to date?

(2.) The same information in regard to power-house at Ultimo, carried out by day labour?

(3.) The same information in regard to car-house at Fort Macquarie?

(4.) The same information in regard to car-house at Waverley?

(5.) The same information in regard to new Central railway station?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information will take some time to prepare, and can be better furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

(22.) Reduction of Members of Parliament:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the Government really intend to take any action with respect to reduction of Members?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) If not, will the Government take immediate action with respect to the rearrangement of electoral boundaries, especially as now women are entitled to vote?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is still under the consideration of the Government. After the Municipal Bill and other important matters have been disposed of, the Government will have more time to deal with this very important matter. In regard to the third part of the Honorable Member's Question, I may say that until we collect the roll in connection with women franchise, it will be impossible for the Government or for the Commissioners appointed under the law to define the boundaries of the electoral districts. I am sure that my honorable friend will see that that is the proper course to take. We do not know yet where the ladies are located who will be entitled to vote, and until we get that information it will be impossible to deal with the question.

(23.) Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received the Railway Commissioners' report on railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa?

(2.) Will he have the plans and specifications of the Mulgoa railway referred to the Public Works Committee during this Session?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will submit the matter to Cabinet for an early decision.

4. Local Government Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. John Hurley, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill,—

(1.) From C. Churchill Tucker, Chairman, and John R. Lee, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association at Beecroft.

(2.) From Edward Babbage, Chairman, and George Tingcombe, Honorary Secretary, of Progress Association at Roseville.

(3.) From Henry Mellor, Chairman, and William Mould, Honorary Secretary, of The Rock Progress Association.

Petitions received.

5. Papers:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relative to the recognition by Commissioners for Railways of Industrial Unions under the Industrial Arbitration Act, and the Attorney-General's opinion thereon.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Additional Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

(2.) Further papers respecting dismissal of Mr. James Stephen Inch, clerk, Registrar-General's Office, from the Public Service.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Henry Waite Bequest Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Director of the Government Asylums for the Infirm to pay to the Parramatta District Hospital and the Parramatta Benevolent Society, in equal shares, certain moneys received and receivable by him under the will of the late Henry Waite.

Question put and passed.

7. Poisons Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Poisons Act, and such other Statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

8. Agricultural Tenants Holdings Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill dealing with agricultural tenants holdings, and to amend such other Statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Bread Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 23rd September.

10. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Argyle, Mr. Rose, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The necessity of "the Government introducing legislation this Session for the purpose of converting the Savings "Banks into a State Bank."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Rose moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 42.	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Morton.	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Estell,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Winchcombe.
Mr. Norton,		Mr. McCoy,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Gillies,		Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,		Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,		Sir John See,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moore,		Mr. Wright,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Lonsdale,		Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. McLaurin,		Mr. Davis,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Law,		Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Pyers,		Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Byrne,		Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Rose,		Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Edden,		Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Jones,		Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Clara,		Mr. Mahony,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Macdonell,		Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Dick,		Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. John Storey,		Mr. Crick,	Mr. Eden George.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. Municipal Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir John See, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. J. F. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 *AUGUST*, 1902.

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

WAGGA WAGGA CATTLE-DRIVING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 111.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confine the driving of cattle, sheep, and travelling stock through the town of Wagga Wagga to certain streets of the said town,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28*th August*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Treasury Notes:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the estimated amount or value of Treasury notes outstanding on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The value of Treasury notes outstanding on 30th June, 1902, was £92, 10s.

(2.) Director of the State Clothing Factory:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the position of Director of the State Clothing factory been filled?

(2.) If so, will he state whether the successful applicant is recognised by the trade as a first-class man, with undeniable credentials?

(3.) What is his name?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) Mr. W. J. Fallon.

(3.) Wheel Tax:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view, of late years, of the crowded and dangerous nature of street traffic in our busy or main thoroughfares, and the frequent occurrence of accidents to life and limb, especially from private or unlicensed vehicles, bicycles, &c., will the Government take into consideration the desirability of bringing in, at any early date, a wheel tax?

Sir John See answered,—This matter will receive careful consideration. There are many reasons against such an enactment.

(4.) Domain Gymnasium:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) If his attention has been directed to a letter signed "C.I.A.Y." appearing in the *Evening News* on Tuesday last, the 26th, in reference to the way the larrikin element seems to make a rendezvous of the Domain Gymnasium to the exclusion of children?

(2.) Is he aware, too, that the writer complains that he has not seen either ranger or constable present or in charge of the gymnasium?

(3.) If respectable people's children are to be debarred from the use of such exercise owing to the want of proper provision for police protection, will he see that steps are taken to have the gymnasium removed forthwith rather than it should remain in the Domain as a public nuisance?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a statement which has been furnished by the Director of the Botanic Gardens in reply to the Honorable Member's Questions.

(5.)

(5.) Death of Returning Trooper Henry Robert Sherringham:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How can the Government or Military Authorities explain the reason why, during the war in South Africa, one Henry Robert Sherringham, son of J. G. Sherringham, of Cumnock, was accepted for service in one of the Mounted Rifle Contingents that left for South Africa some time in 1900–1, he at the time being under age, and against the repeated protest of his father?

(2.) Is it a fact that Trooper Sherringham was one of the unfortunate sufferers in the "Drayton "Grange," lately returning from the South African war, and that he died on Tuesday, the 12th August, at the Port Franklin Hospital?

(3.) Has he yet obtained any information touching his death and personal effects, &c., from the Chief Officer, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, to whom Dr. Ross' letter of the 20th instant was referred?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government or Imperial or Commonwealth Military Authorities to compensate the Sherringham family for the loss of their son and his services, seeing that he was a young man that never suffered a day's sickness in his life?

Sir John See answered,—The Honorable Member's communication is still under reference to the Military Authorities, who will be asked to expedite the matter.

(6.) Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill:—Mr. Reymond asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill, to remove the disability of legal practitioners in the other States practising in New South Wales?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information:—This matter awaits legislation by the Victorian Parliament.

(7.) Tenders for Heliographic Papers:—*Mr. J. F. Smith*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Norton's previous Questions relating to the tenders for heliographic papers, will he state specifically the nature of the tests carried out in order to determine the most suitable papers offered by the tenderers?

(2.) Is it correct that heliographic paper cannot be properly valued, and its qualities proven, unless it is put through a printing test?

(3.) If so, were the heliographic papers submitted by the tenderers put through a printing test, that is to say, were they put through a test of ordinary usage, printing or copying a plan, the quality of the copy or print the heliographic papers yielded, and the time taken in printing being the factors considered in determining fitness?

(4.) To whom was delegated the duty of determining the respective merits or demerits of the tenders submitted for the supply of heliographic papers?

(5.) Did those appointed possess special qualifications of an expert character in judging the value of the paper sent in?

(6.) In computing the probable requirements for the current year, were not the figures of last year taken as a basis; and, if this were the case, would not the unsuccessful tenderers' prices work out £10 cheaper than the successful competitor's tender?

(7.) If price alone was not taken into consideration, as stated in reply to Mr. Norton's previous Questions, will he describe what is meant by the statement that elements other than those of price had to be, and were, taken into consideration?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Public Service Tender Board:—

(1.) The samples of paper sent by tenderers with their tenders were subjected to both a fracture test and a printing test.

(2.) A printing test is of value only under certain circumstances.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.) Professional officers of the Lands, Works, and Mines Departments.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) No.

(7.) The elements, other than price, taken into consideration were those of toughness and durability and freshness of sensitization.

(8.) Hours of Labour at Artesian Bores:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to Question asked by Mr. Nielsen on 17th July, and to his reply thereto, will he see that the hours of the men working for contractors on the artesian bores being constructed for the Government are reduced to eight?

(2.) Does he know that on the whole of the bores at present being constructed by his Department the men are worked twelve hours per day?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The terms of the contract fix forty-eight hours as a week's work.

(2.) There is no information in the Department to show that men are being worked twelve hours a day; but if definite complaints from the men with respect to any particular contractor are received, consideration will be given to enforcing the conditions of contract.

(9.) Government Savings Bank Officials:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Public Service Board completed the regrading of the Government Savings Bank officials; if so, when will the result be made known?

(2.) Will the officers of grades A, B, and C, who were entitled to increments from the 1st July, 1900, last, under the repealed clause of the Act, receive such increments; if so, when?

(3.) Is it a fact that the appeals of the Government Savings Bank officials, dated eighteen months ago, are the only appeals throughout the Service which have not been considered; if so, can any reason be given for the delay?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Public Service Board:—

(1.) Owing to the altered conditions due to the transfer of the Postal and Telegraph Department to the Commonwealth, and the separation therefrom of the Government Savings Bank Department, it was considered desirable to entirely regrade the Savings Bank Department. The matter is now being dealt with by the Public Service Board.

(2.) Any questions relating to the claims of officers for increments for back periods will be considered by the Board in connection with the regrading.

(3.) The appeals were not dealt with in consequence of the decision to regrade the office as before stated. There has been no unnecessary delay.

(10.) Electoral Department:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost per annum to this State for the up-keep of the Electoral Department?

(2.) Will the Government, in view of the large increase of work brought about by the passing of the Women's Franchise Bill, relieve the suburban postmasters of electoral work altogether?

(3.) Is he aware that suburban postmasters are compelled to do electoral work at present, greatly to the detriment of legitimate postal business?

(4.) Is he aware that several postmasters have asked to be relieved of electoral work, even though the State offered to pay them for doing such work?

(5.) Is it true that Revision Courts have had to be postponed, owing to the inability of the Postal Officers to have this work ready for such Courts?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The cost per annum of the staff of the Electoral Office is £2,180, exclusive of temporary assistance. With the exception of 104 non-official deputy and assistant registrars, the total cost of whose services is £211 10s. per annum, the whole of the registrars are officers of other departments of the Service, the classification of whose work included electoral duties, which is paid for out of one sum at which the combined Services were graded by the Public Service Board.

(2.) This matter is under consideration.

(3.) No; but it has been stated that postmasters have been instructed to give postal business precedence of other duties, and of electoral work particularly.

(4 and 5.) No.

(11.) Associate to the Chief Justice:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who was Associate to Chief Justice Darley, and what was his salary?

(2.) Who is Associate to the Acting Chief Justice, and what is his salary?

(3.) Is Mr. H. Darley still receiving his salary, though not performing duties as the Acting Chief Justice's Associate?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Mr. H. S. Darley; salary, £290.

(2.) Mr. Wilfrid M. Jones; salary, £290.

(3.) He is receiving his salary as Chief Justice's Associate, but has agreed to assist the other Associates.

(12.) Conveyancing Appointments, Registrar-General's Office:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the two vacant conveyance positions in the Registrar-General's Office been filled up; if so, were the men appointed already in the Public Service or from outside, and what are their names?

Sir John See answered,—The positions referred to have not yet been filled.

3. The Totalizator:—Mr. David Storey presented a Petition from certain residents of Sydney, representing that as people do, and will, speculate in either mining, building, stocks, and racing that, as regards the latter, the introduction of the Totalizator would be a great boon to all concerned; that the adoption of the Totalizator in Western Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand has given great satisfaction; that half the profits are devoted to charities; that the Chairman of the Australian Jockey Club and many other influential men are in favour of its adoption; and praying that no delay be allowed by the House in the introduction of the Totalizator.

Petition received.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. Paper:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the Domain Gymnasium.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Forbes Gaol (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reymond moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The cost of erection of the Forbes Gaol.

(2.) The cost of its maintenance.

(3.) The average number of prisoners accommodated daily since its erection.

Question put and passed.

7. Establishment of a State Ironworks:—Mr. McGowen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of New South Wales should, "as early as 'possible,'" establish a State ironworks.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "as early "as possible," and inserting the words "at once" instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 *AUGUST*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for The Murrumbidgee, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. John Hurley.

Tellers,

Mr. Law,
Mr. Power.

Noes, 61.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Sir John See,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. McFarlane.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep,
Mr. McNeill.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. E. M. Clark moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Jessep,
Sir John See,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. John Hurley.

Tellers,

Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Winchcombe.

Noes, 30.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Macdonell.

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

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Dick.

Mr. John Hurley moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "possible" the words "intimate to the Federal Government its support of the proposal before the Federal "Parliament providing for a bonus for the manufacture of iron, as a matter in the best interests of "the State."

Point of Order:—Mr. Ferguson submitted that the proposed amendment was not relevant to the motion, and should not be put.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker decided in favour of the objection taken, and ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order.

Mr. E. M. Clark moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Perry,
Mr. Hayes,
Sir John See,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Meagher.

Tellers,

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Affleck.

Noes, 28.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Morton.

Tellers,

Mr. Estell,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

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

Original Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of New South Wales should, as early as possible, establish a State ironworks.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Daley,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Power,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,

Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Estell.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Perry,
Sir John See,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
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Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
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Mr. Crick,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Lonsdale,
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Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Mahony.

Tellers,

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Morton.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. Adjournment:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

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

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Perry,
Sir John See,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Evans,
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Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
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Mr. Latimer,
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Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Wood
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Mahony.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Daley,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Nielsen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes before Four o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday nex at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to Section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nominations of,—

Mr. James Ashton,
Mr. John Lionel Fegan,
Mr. David Robert Hall,
Mr. Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins Mackenzie, and
Mr. Patrick Edward Quinn,—

for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee constituted under that Act.

Mr. Speaker also stated that it would be his duty to submit these names, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House, and he would do so after the formal business was disposed of on Thursday next.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Advances under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was unpaid for interest on advances under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£16,455 8s. 8d.

(2.) "Rocks" and Darling Harbour Resumptions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount has been received from the date of resumption, in the shape of rents, wharfage dues, &c., up to 30th June, from (*a*) the "Rocks" properties; and (*b*) the wharf and harbour properties?

(2.) Has any portion of this amount been set aside to form a sinking fund from which to meet interest charges on the assessed values of properties thus resumed; and, if yes, what amount?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Total amount received from all sources, £435,073 5s. 2d.

(2.) There is no statutory provision for the formation of a sinking fund to meet interest charges. A sinking fund to pay off loans floated to meet the capital cost of the resumptions and improvements is provided for, if the revenue from the area should prove equal to forming one. So far, it has not been equal to doing so.

(3.) Applications for Land at Lilyville:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many applications have so far been received for blocks of land at Lilyville?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Twenty-two.

(4.) Hospital for Insane, Parramatta:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any attendants been recently engaged through a registry office for duty at the Hospital for Insane, Parramatta; if so, how many, and at what cost?

(2.) How many names were at the time registered for employment; were they offered the positions; if not, why?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Insane informs me that no attendants were so obtained, but eleven nurses were engaged at a cost of £1 7s. 6d. Preference was not given to applicants sent by the registry office over those applying direct to the institution, the most suitable from both sources being selected.

(5.) Royal Agricultural Society:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Royal Agricultural Society had in June last an overdraft of £6,800 at the bank, and that the position was such as to necessitate the members of the Committee being asked to give their personal promissory notes, some for £50 and some for £100, to be held by the bank as security?
(2.) In view of the large amount paid as subsidy to this Society, will the Government consider the advisability of instituting an official inquiry into its financial position?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) I am not aware.
(2.) No.

(6.) Miners' Rights:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) In view of the great difficulty attending mining operations, owing to scarcity of water, consequently the cessation of crushing, puddling, &c., on the gold, tin, diamond, and other mining fields, will the Government intimate that renewals of miners' rights, or new applications for rights, need not be made for a stated period?
(2.) If he favours this, will he bring in a Bill authorising the suspension of the miners' right for a period to be covered by proclamation?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The operation of the privileges conveyed by a miner's right can only be suspended by legislation. Such a suspension would affect the fundamental principles of the mining laws, and I am not aware that the present condition of affairs would justify such a serious step.

(7.) Returned Soldiers from South Africa:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that many of the returned soldiers from South Africa, who have made application to the Government for employment, have been offered such work as that generally known as relief work, or pick and shovel work?
(2.) In view of the many promises made to these soldiers when they left our shores as to their being properly looked after should they be fortunate enough to return, will he cause inquiries to be made so that, where practicable, these soldiers may have the opportunity of reasonable employment?

Sir John See answered,—A great number of returned soldiers applied for, and have accepted, road work. Numbers have also been given employment in the Railway and Tramway Service, and also in the Police Force. Every effort is made to provide employment for the men in question. I may add to that what I have already told the House that some time ago I communicated with the Inspector-General of Police, the Railway Commissioners, the Public Service Board, and with all those who, without the interference of the Government, employ labour, whether clerical or manual, and I strongly urged that they should give the preference to returned soldiers. It will be impossible to find employment for all the returned soldiers; but, as far as the Government can possibly do so, we will give the preference to the men who fought for their country.

(8.) Public Service:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the return asked for by Mr. Affleck, in reference to the Public Service, on the 24th of June last, and promised on the 13th August to be laid on the Table the following week?

Sir John See answered,—In order to enable this return to be prepared, the different departments were asked for certain information, and the last of the returns only came to hand on Friday last. The preparation of the complete return, and the checking of the figures, has necessarily taken some little time, but the Public Service Board hope to be able to forward it so that it may be laid upon the Table of this House to-morrow.

(9.) Charlestown-Belmont Road:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have tenders yet been called for the deviation of the Charlestown-Belmont road?
(2.) If so, who is the successful tenderer?
(3.) When will the work be commenced?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Tenders have not yet been received.
(3.) This depends to a great extent on the result of the tendering. It cannot yet be definitely stated.

(10.) Foreshores of the Merewether Estate, Parish of Newcastle:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Have the promised surveys yet been made to define the original boundaries of the foreshores of the Merewether Estate, parish of Newcastle?
(2.) If so, what is the result of such surveys, and will he lay the surveyor's report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The local surveyor expects to be in the locality in about a fortnight to effect the survey.

(11.) Night Watchmen Employed by the Government:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of night watchmen employed by the Government in the various departments of the State?
(2.) The name of each department at which such night watchmen are respectively employed?

(3.)

(3.) The amount of salary paid to each watchman?
(4.) The number of hours each watchman is engaged?
(5.) What time, if any, is allowed off in lieu of Sunday in any of the Services; if any, in which departments?

Sir John See answered,—I shall be glad to furnish this information, if moved for in the usual way. This return will cost a lot of money, and I cannot see the object of it. It is beyond my comprehension why the honorable gentleman should ask such a Question.

(12.) Nurses in Public Institutions:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that nurses in public institutions should not be compelled to work longer than eight hours per day?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane informs me that nurses work as short hours as the nature of their duties permit, and in such institutions as Hospitals for Insane the hours average 56 per week. The Chief Medical Officer of the Government reports as follows:—As regards the Coast Hospital, the hours at present worked by nurses are as follows:—The gross daily hours are fourteen, less one and a half hours in every case, or twelve and a half hours. The latter term is subject to deductions of two hours and of four and a half hours on alternate days. The actual hours of work are, therefore, eight on one day and ten and a half on the next, or an average of nine and a quarter hours. If, as is unavoidable in connection with long ambulance journeys, overtime has to be done, it is entered in a book and equivalent time off allowed. In addition, the nursing staff have two days' leave each month, and twenty-eight days' annual leave. This staff is very liberally treated; it is perfectly satisfied with the present arrangements, which have been in use for about five years; it does not desire any change in them. Under these circumstances, I am unable to recommend that the additional cost which would be involved in limiting the working hours of each nurse to a maximum of eight hours a day should be incurred. You could fill each vacancy twenty times over.

(13.) Marsupials in the State:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In consequence of the rapid disappearance of marsupials, will he consider the advisability of introducing a measure for the protection of the same?

Sir John See answered,—I think there ought to be a Bill introduced to deal with this subject. The Honorable Member for Ashfield has drawn my attention to the indiscriminate destruction of the opossums, native bears, wallabies, and kangaroos. All our native game, birds as well as animals, are fast disappearing, because there is no law to protect them during the breeding season. I think there ought to be a close season for our native animals. In view of the importance and value of our birds and animals, I propose at an early date to bring in a measure dealing with the subject. These animals are as valuable as many of our products, and it is the duty of the Government to consider whether we should not have legislation fixing a close season, thereby preserving a valuable asset.

(14.) Road through Mr. T. B. Rea's Estate, Macquarie Fields:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that another attempt is being made to resume certain land for the purpose of opening and making a road through Mr. T. B. Rea's estate, known as Macquarie Fields, from the Glenfield station to the Liverpool-Campbelltown road, at a point known as the Cross Roads?
(2.) Is he also aware that Mr. Rea, the owner, has not been called upon to object, or given an opportunity of objecting, to the said resumption and opening of such road?
(3.) Is he further aware that the said resumption and opening of such road would cause a severance of the said Macquarie Fields Estate, the cutting off of about 80 acres of land, and the deprivation of the owner of certain expensive dams or watering places, and country used for stock?
(4.) Is he aware that if such road be made that there would be no access thereto from the railway station for vehicular traffic, and that an expensive overhead bridge or an underground entrance and exit to it would have to be constructed at very heavy cost?
(5.) Is he aware that the locality of such road is very sparsely populated, that the proposal emanates from a few persons, and that the bulk of the local residents use and require the old road to be kept open?
(6.) Is he aware that the former attempt to open such a road in opposition to the objections of the late owner resulted in a suit in Equity being brought against the Crown, an interim injunction obtained, and a decree made by the Chief Judge in Equity declaring the action of the Minister illegal, which cost the country heavy law expenses?
(7.) Is he aware that the plaintiff's costs alone in this suit against the Crown exceeded £250, and that the Crown costs of defending the suit will put the country to an additional expense of £250 at least?
(8.) Is he further aware that the cost of opposing the resumption and opening of such road, the legal cost of the Crown in endeavouring to do so, the making of surveyors' and engineers' surveys and plans, and holding a Land Board inquiry has already cost the country £1,000 and upwards, and that the cost of resumption and construction of such road would involve the Crown in very large outlay in addition thereto?
(9.) In consideration of these facts, is he aware that in connection with the opening of such road that it is proposed by the Government to close a parish road or portion thereof, running almost parallel thereto, which was proclaimed upwards of twenty years ago, and has been used by the public as a necessary road for that period?
(10.) Is he aware that such last-mentioned road is within the Municipality of Liverpool, and that it is illegal to close the same?
(11.) Does he feel justified, considering the state of the finances of this State, in putting it to the expense to serve a few persons only in opening what has been found by the local Land Board an unnecessary road?

(12.) Is it a fact that the above is the same case that caused Dr. Ross to move the adjournment of the House in 1900, drawing attention to the injustice of closing the old road and destroying the Macquarie Fields Estate by constructing a new and unnecessary road at a needless expenditure of public money?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The land has been resumed for the road in question.

(2.) Notice of intention to resume the required land was duly given to the owner of the land at the time the notification issued in the *Government Gazette*, namely, to the late Mrs. Ashcroft. The Mr. Rea mentioned is possibly her executor.

(3.) The road necessarily cuts through Mrs. Ashcroft's property.

(4.) Not aware.

(5.) It has been urged that the road in question was much needed by the public.

(6.) A suit was brought against the Crown, when it was found that intended resumption of the land had not been effected through faulty *Gazette* notification of such intended resumption.

(7.) Not aware.

(8.) Not aware.

(9.) But a very small part of the old road is closed, and in no degree is the rest of the road interfered with. For a short distance a part of the new road is almost coincident with part of the old road, and it is only that part of the old road which is not coincident which has been closed as unnecessary—the part of the new road supplies its place.

(10.) The old road is within the Municipality of Liverpool, and it has not been closed; but I am not aware that it would be illegal to close it should it be found to be an unnecessary road.

(11.) The land has already been resumed.

(12.) Yes.

(15.) Government Expenditure by Day Labour:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be good enough to state the amount of expenditure by day labour on the following works:—(1) Power-house at Ultimo; (2) Car-house at Fort Macquarie; (3) Foundations of hotel, corner Gipps and George Streets; (4) Car-house, Waverley; (5) Central railway station?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information had better be moved for in the form of a return, when it will be laid on the Table in the usual way. Two of the works are being carried out by the Railway Commissioners.

(16.) Mr. Kenneth Murchison, Member of the Land Board, Coolah:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true, as stated in the Press, that Mr. Kenneth Murchison, a member of the Land Board for the Land District in which Coolah is situate, has been called upon to resign; and, if so, with what offence or dereliction of duty is Mr. Murchison charged?

(2.) Is it contended that a member of a Local Land Board, who is merely paid fees according to the number of his sittings, should be debarred from playing a citizen's part in the discussion of matters of public moment?

(3.) Has Mr. Murchison sent in his resignation?

Mr. Bennett answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for the papers in the usual way.

(17.) Rylstone Public School:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When does he propose to have effected necessary repairs to the Rylstone Public School, promised by his Department for the past two years?

(2.) Does he not know that the school in question is in a disgracefully defective condition?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) This matter will receive attention as soon as the Estimates are passed.

(2.) No.

3. Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from A. Schiedel, attorney for the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company (Limited), representing that the House had referred to a Select Committee the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company's Railway Bill, and praying that Petitioner may be represented by counsel or attorney before the said Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

4. Local Government Bill:—Mr. Richards presented a Petition from R. Rouse, Mayor, and J. F. McDonough, Council Clerk, of the Municipality of Gulgong, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.

Petition received.

5. Papers:—

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further papers respecting the dismissal of Mr. James Stephen Inch, clerk, Registrar-General's Department, from the Public Service.

(2.) Police Reports respecting case of Constable Spicer.

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

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.
(2.) Proclamations respecting (*a*) Crossing-places for sheep between New South Wales and Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria; (*b*) introduction of sheep from Victoria and South Australia; (*c*) the dressing of Coast District sheep, under the Stock Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1902.
(2.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1902.
(3.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Orange under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
(4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tenterfield under the Public Health Act, 1896.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Additional Regulation under the Wentworth Irrigation Act.
(2.) By-laws respecting (*a*) White's Creek Stormwater Drain; (*b*) White's Creek Stormwater Drain, Brennan-street Branch; (*c*) Johnstone's Creek Stormwater Channel.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Tramway from Oxford-street to Bellevue Hill.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Sunday Trading Bill:—On motion of Mr. Meagher, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. Dairy Industry Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 112.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate dairies and dairy factories, and the production and manufacture and exportation of dairy produce; to secure that dairy produce shall be produced, manufactured, sold, and exported in a wholesome state; to regulate the storage, carriage, and exportation of dairy produce; and to regulate the manufacture, sale, carriage, packing, importation, and exportation of margarine, and other similar substances.

State Government House,
Sydney, 29th August, 1902.

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

9. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "pressing necessity of keeping faith with an important branch of the Public Service by placing the "Police Superannuation Fund on a solvent basis."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.	Noes, 43.		
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Estell.	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Burgess,
Tellers,	Sir John See,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Oakes.	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Millard,
	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. John Hurley.
	Mr. Wood,	Mr. McNeill,	*Tellers,*
	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Law,	
	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Daley,
	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Sullivan.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. LAND FRONTING THROSBY AND COTTAGE CREEKS, SOLD BY A. A. DANGAR, ESQ.:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Wickham, fronting Throsby and Cottage Creeks, sold by Mr. A. A. Dangar.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Estell, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Edden, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Coleman, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence, together with Appendix, of the Select Committee of Second Session, 1898, be referred to such Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

11. DISMISSAL OF JAMES STEPHEN INCH FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the alleged improper conduct of an inquiry by the Public Service Board, which resulted in the removal from the Public Service of James Stephen Inch.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Young, Mr. Millard, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Archer, Mr. Haynes, and the Mover.
Mr. Daniel O'Connor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 3 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Survey Marks Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 113.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to survey marks, official land marks, and beacons,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1902.

(2.) Hay Irrigation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 114.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conserving and utilising water for irrigation in the Land District of Hay,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 3rd September, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to hand over to the Sydney Municipal Council the control of the Free Public Library?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter has not yet been considered by the present Government. On 2nd March, 1893, a letter was addressed to the then Mayor, offering to hand over the Lending Branch of the Library to the Corporation, but no definite reply thereto has yet been given.

(2.) Loan or Treasury Bills:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the new Audit Act having become law, is it his intention to allow any moneys secured by Loan or Treasury Bills under Acts 60 Vic. No. 32 or 63 Vic. No. 42, or any other Act further back than the year 1900, to be expended on any kind of public works?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The provision contained in section 36 of the Audit Act of 1902 for the lapsing of Appropriations made by a Loan Act passed two years or longer before the close of the financial year, provided no contract or engagement has been entered into prior to 30th June, is being enforced.

(3.) Public Service:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any official in the Public Service been paid any sum in excess of the amount voted to him or her by Parliament for last year?

(2.) If so, who are the persons receiving the same, what amount extra has been paid to each, for what reason was it paid, and from what Vote was the sum or sums paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be laid on the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Mercadool Holding:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In view of the general rains that have lately fallen all over the State of New South Wales, will he see that immediate steps are now taken to have the land on the Mercadool run thrown open for settlement?

(2.) Will he also see that immediate steps are taken to have the 640-acre block or blocks adjoining the artesian bore at Walgett made available for settlement, so that purchasers of the same may be able to set to work to get the land prepared for a lucerne crop and to utilise the water from the artesian bore for irrigation purposes?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) I am giving attention to the matter.

(2.) Action is being taken to revoke the area from the permanent common, after which the land will be placed under the control of the Public Works Department.

(5.) Travelling Stock Reserves:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of acres that are at present under lease belonging to travelling stock reserves, and the amount of rent paid annually for the same?

(2.) Are the owners or lessees of travelling stock reserves compelled to kill rabbits on these reserves?

(3.) Can a selector adjoining one of these travelling stock reserves (for the protection of his own land and crops) kill rabbits found on these reserves where the lessee declines to do so?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The information will be obtained and furnished if my honorable friend will move for it in the usual way.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes, if authorised by a Rabbit Board on the neglect or failure of the lessee to comply with a notice given to him by the Board requiring him to destroy the rabbits on his holding.

(6.) Darling Harbour Resumptions—Bubonic Plague:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1). If his attention has been directed to a statement appearing in the *Daily Telegraph* on Monday, 1st September, by the Medical Health Officer of the City Corporation, concerning the insanitary, or sanitary, conditions prevailing at the wharfs and foreshores at Darling Harbour resumptions; and will he cause the President of the Board of Health to furnish a report on the matter, and lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members?

(2.) Also, will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Mayor's report on the same subject, together with a copy of reply to the same by the Chief Commissioner for Harbour Trust and Darling Harbour resumptions?

(3.) For what reason are householders in city and suburbs called upon to make a general rat crusade weekly or monthly any more than calling upon them to destroy all fleas, flies, cockroaches, bugs, and mice found in households?

(4.) The number of men that are at the present time employed in killing rats in city and suburbs, and the wages or salary each receives weekly or monthly respectively, and out of what fund the money is paid?

(5.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of appointing a Royal Commission, composed of the best available medical and scientific experts, to make a thorough investigation into the alleged outbreak of bubonic rat plague in Sydney and suburbs in 1900 and 1902, as was done during an epidemic of small-pox that took place in Sydney in 1882, 1883, and 1885?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have already directed the President of the Board of Health to furnish a report on the subject, on receipt of which I shall be glad to afford the Honorable Member the fullest information.

(3.) Because rats suffer from plague, carry the infection from place to place, and communicate it to man.

(4.) I am informed by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government that seventeen men are at present employed in the metropolitan district to aid in ascertaining the state of the rats as to infection with plague—a foreman at 12s. a day, and sixteen men at 8s. a day, from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The Sydney Corporation employ five men in the destruction of rats at wages of 49s. each per week.

(5.) I see no reason to modify the answer I gave to a similar Question asked by the Honorable Member on the 15th July.

(7.) Loan or Treasury Bills:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money authorised to be raised by Loan or Treasury Bills since the 30th September, 1901, to the 1st September, 1902?

(2.) What is the amount of money raised under the authorised Loan or Treasury Bills Acts from 30th September, 1901, to the 1st instant?

(3.) How much of the sum raised between 30th September, 1901, and the 1st instant has been paid in the redemption of Loans or Treasury Bills?

(4.) What was the total amount of the Public Debt on the 1st instant, and what is the total sum payable on the said debt per annum as interest?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) £2,997,213.
(2.) Inscribed Stock, £3,755,826; Treasury Deficiency Bills, £755,179. Of the amount of £3,755,886, £1,723,000, proceeds of Loan of £3,000,000 raised in London in May last, has yet to be received.
(3.) In redemption of Loans, £1,400,400; in repayment of Advances to General Loan Account, £1,550,000; total, £2,950,400.
(4.) I will furnish this information when I make the Financial Statement.

(8.) Consolidated Revenue—Loan Account:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) With respect to the Consolidated Revenue debit balance of £330,000, and the Loan Account debit of £4,170,000, do not the banks draw upon Trust Funds to the extent of such debits?
(2.) Under this arrangement, are not Trust Funds, as stated by Mr. Rose in his State Bank speech, used for loan and ordinary services of Government?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The balances at credit of the Trust Funds, together with the balances, both debtor and creditor, of the several Accounts of the Government, comprise what is known, for interest purposes only, as the General Banking Account, as directed in section 19 of the Audit Act of 1902.

(9.) Bridge over the Clarence River at Tabulam:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Wincheombe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) At what date were tenders called for the bridge over the Clarence River at Tabulam?
(2.) What was the amount of the lowest tender, and why was it not accepted?
(3.) Has the work been proceeded with under the day-labour system?
(4.) What amount has been spent on the work up to date?
(5.) What is the estimate for completion of the bridge?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) On the 9th October, 1899.
(2.) Lowest tender, £9,879 13s. For the reasons that it was considered to be advantageous to the Department to carry out the work by its own officers without the intervention of a contractor.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) £13,333 14s. 7d. This sum includes extras in foundations and items not included in the amount of lowest tender, the preparation of plans, supervision, and purchase of plant, which latter will be available for other work on the completion of the Tabulam Bridge.
(5.) £14,085.

(10.) Harbour Trust Employees:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that men employed under the Harbour Trust, in connection with garbage boats, do not wear uniforms as in the case of other employees; and will he request the Commissioners that, for the proper and more efficient administration and recognition of their position, the employees mentioned shall be also uniformed?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the only employees in the service of the Sydney Harbour Trust who are supplied with uniforms are those whose duties bring them into contact with the general public, and it is desirable to show in this way that they are authorised servants of the Trust. The Commissioners do not consider it necessary to supply uniforms for the men employed in connection with the garbage boats, and for many others who do not come within the above category.

(11.) Metropolitan Traffic Department:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What amount is annually received for license fees by the Metropolitan Traffic Department?
(2.) What is the annual amount expended on the administration of the Metropolitan Traffic Act?
(3.) How are the fines inflicted in connection with the regulation of street traffic disbursed or distributed?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—
(1.) For the year 1901, £4,292 10s. From 1st January, 1902, to date, £2,275 10s.
(2.) It might be approximately estimated at £10,000 per annum, but the police engaged on traffic are also available for ordinary police duty.
(3.) One moiety is paid to the Consolidated Revenue and the other to the Police Reward Fund.

(12.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does this State still retain possession of the contributions made to the Superannuation Fund by officers who have been transferred to the Federal Service, or has the total of such contributions been transferred to the credit of the Federal Government?

Sir John See answered,—The State retains possession of contributions made to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund up to the date of transfer of contributing officers to the Commonwealth; such contributions cannot legally be transferred to the credit of the Federal Government. Section 84 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act preserves the pension rights of transferred officers, and provides that on retirement of a transferred officer the State shall pay the Commonwealth a proportion of such pension based on the terms of his State service to his whole service.

(13.) Lyne Park—Military Road, Bondi:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What has been the cost to date of reclamation and other works at Lyne Park?
(2.) What has been the cost to date on what is known as the Military-road, Bondi?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) £11,427 10s. 1d. By this expenditure, however, we have given 14 acres of land to the people as a park, worth at least £1,000 to £2,000 per acre.
(2.) £1,305 19s. 7d.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) *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.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Pharmacy Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(2.) Papers respecting the Police Superannuation Fund.
Ordered to be printed.

4. NIGHT WATCHMEN EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Nobbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of night watchmen employed by the Government in the various departments of the State.
(2.) The name of each department at which such night watchmen are respectively employed.
(3.) The amount of salary paid to each watchman.
(4.) The number of hours each watchman is engaged.
(5.) The time, if any, allowed off in lieu of Sunday in any of the Services, and in which department.
Question put and passed.

5. TOTALIZATOR BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalise the use of an instrument known as the totalizator on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations, and to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill postponed until To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The administration of the Police."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

8. MUNICIPAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir John See, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 4 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Innkeepers Liability Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 115.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments respecting the liability of innkeepers*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Poisons Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 116.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for regulating the sale and use of poisons*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.) Australian Museum Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 117.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the incorporation and endowment of the Australian Museum*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Pawnbrokers Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 118.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments regulating the trade or business of pawnbrokers in New South Wales*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Sydney Female School of Industry Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 119.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Sydney Female School of Industry*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 4th September, 1902.

(6.) Masters and Servants Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 120.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to masters and servants*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(7.) Agreements Validating Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 121.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the validity of agreements made elsewhere for personal service in New South Wales*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(8.) Maitland Cattle-driving Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 122.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the regulation of cattle-driving through the towns of East and West Maitland*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(9.) Dividing Fences Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 123.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the dividing fences of adjoining lands*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public Servants :—Mr. Eden George asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of the increases (recommended by the Public Service Board and passed by this Parliament during the Session of 1901) granted to Civil Servants who were, before such increases, receiving a salary of £100 and upwards?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information, which will take a considerable time to obtain, will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(2.) Public Schools :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In view of the large and increasing number of young people who are suffering from partial sight failure in this State, having to use artificial aids to sight, viz., spectacles; and as many of these have been or are pupils of our Public Schools, will he obtain expert opinion as to whether this partial sight failure is caused during their school period, through insufficient light or want of proper ventilation in our schools?

(2.) In view of the importance of this subject, seeing that this climate is generally regarded as one of the best for sight in the world, will he have any objection to place upon the Table of this House, in the form of a return, such expert opinion when it is obtained; and, in view of its importance, will he obtain such report as soon as practicable?

Mr.

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that failure of sight among young people is on the increase.

(2.) If it be found desirable to obtain expert opinion, a report will be laid on the Table as suggested.

(3.) Dredging Leases, Mudgee Mining District:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many leases taken up for dredging purposes in the Mudgee Mining District are exempt from labour conditions?

(2.) Have exemption renewals been granted?

(3.) In every case where renewals of exemption of labour conditions have been granted, will he call on lessees to show cause as against cancellation?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) There are no dredging leases the labour conditions of which are suspended at the present time.

(2.) No.

(3.) *Vide* answer to Question 2.

(4.) Contracts for Government Roads:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In order to obviate the delay and inconvenience which is unavoidable under existing arrangements, will he, to meet the convenience of contractors for road work, cause not less than 75 per cent. of the amount of contract to be lodged to credit of the District Roads Officer, who shall be empowered to pay to that amount, pending examination of vouchers and final authority issuing as at present from the officers of Department in Sydney at completion of contract?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There are from 3,000 to 4,000 road contracts let each year. If this proposal were adopted it would be necessary to obtain separate advances for every contract from the Treasury as soon as each contract was let. This would entail a considerable increase of work on my Department and upon the Treasury and Audit Departments, and the Treasury would have to advance a very large amount, probably £150,000, before it was actually required for payment to contractors. In the event of cancellation, forfeiture, or reduction of the contract, complications would arise as the money could not be used for other purposes than the particular contract for which it had been advanced, but would need to go back to the Treasury to credit of Vote. Again, at the close of the financial year the balances on the 75 per cent. advances would have to be refunded to Consolidated Revenue on the 30th June, and having been tied up prior thereto, would be lost so far as expenditure on the road for which it was voted is concerned. The practice of the Department now is to place a fixed amount to credit of the local officer's public bank account. He can draw upon this to pay for wages, advances on contracts, &c., and if contractors will arrange that all their advances are to be made to them direct through the local officers, and not through banks or other companies or firms, the payments can be made promptly from this Advance Account. Officers are thereafter recouped by the Head Office. For these reasons the Honorable Member must see that it would be quite impracticable to adopt his suggestion, which, however, I have no doubt has been made to minimise the inconvenience and apparent delays contractors are sometimes subjected to.

(5.) Pensions to Retired Public Servants:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount paid by way of pension to retired Civil Servants for the year 1901?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The pensions paid to retired Civil Servants during the year ended 30th June, 1901, were as follows, namely:—Under the Civil Service Act of 1884, £101,176 13s. 4d.; under Schedule B to the Constitution Act, £3,466 7s. 1d.; under the Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873, £2,027 7s.; to District Court Judges, £2,661 5s. 10d.; to Inspectors of Stock, £676 15s. Total, £110,008 8s. 3d.

(6.) Public Service Tender Board:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons comprising what is called the "Public Service Tender "Board"?

(2.) What emoluments does each member of the Board derive from his office?

(3.) What is the cost to the State of the other officials employed by the Board; what are their names, the capacity in which they are employed, and the salaries paid to each of them?

(4.) What duties do the Board perform that were not comparatively inexpensively performed by the various Government departments previous to the Board being called into existence?

(5.) What was the necessity for creating a new department for such work, and which justifies the Board in heading its official documents with the words "Public Service Tender Board "Department"?

(6.) Which Minister of the Crown is supposed to control and be responsible for the actions of this Board?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Inspector-General of Police, (Chairman), the Inspector-General of the Insane, the Comptroller-General of Prisons, the Government Printer, the Government Architect, and Mr. Ross, the executive member.

(2.) Mr. Ross, the executive member, whose whole time is devoted to the general management of the Department, is a salaried officer; the other members are not paid.

(3, 4, and 5.) A return will be prepared and laid upon the Table in due course.

(6.) The Colonial Treasurer.

(7.) Prosecutions under the Excise Act:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Power, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the State Crown Solicitor's staff is being used by the Commonwealth Government for prosecutions under the Excise Act without payment to the State Government?

(2.) Is he aware that the excise stamps bear instructions upon them to "deface the stamp, or a "heavy penalty will be inflicted," while the Excise Act requires them to be cut in two or more pieces, without obliterating the number or date?

(3.)

(3.) Is he aware that owing to this misdirection several licensed victuallers have recently been fined in the Water Police Court for breaches of the Excise Act?
(4.) Under the above circumstances, does he propose to make any representations to the Commonwealth Government as to the remission of the fines, or otherwise?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Under a provisional arrangement with the Federal Government, the Crown Solicitor acts for that Government, but a charge is made for his services.
(2, 3, and 4.) I will have inquiries made.

(8.) Appointment of Judges:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Whether it is not the practice to offer judicial appointments to barristers in their order of seniority in the Law List?
(2.) Whether, in the event of a vacancy upon the Supreme Court Bench, the position will be offered to Mr. Pollock, in precedence to Messrs. Pilcher, Want, &c.?
(3.) Would it not be advisable, under the present financial depression, to abolish the comparative sinecure held by the Solicitor-General?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) No.
(2.) No.
(3.) The position is not a sinecure.

(9.) State Clothing Factory:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) When does he intend starting the State Clothing Factory?
(2.) Who will have the power to employ the necessary staff; and will the factory be under the Public Service Board?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) On 1st October.
(2.) The Public Service Board.

(10.) Official Assignees:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Who has the appointing of official assignees; and what is their remuneration?
(2.) Is it a fact that no official assignee is to be appointed to the position rendered vacant by the late Mr. Giblin's decease; if so, what is the reason?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—
(1.) (*a*) The Governor-in-Council, with the approval of the Judge in Bankruptcy; (*b*) the remuneration is fixed by section 83 of the Bankruptcy Act and is a commission at the rate of 5 per centum, of which one-half is payable on the gross amount coming into the hands of the Official Assignee, after deducting any sums paid to secured creditors out of the proceeds of their securities, and the other half upon each dividend as declared. By section 84 of the Act, however, the Court may from time to time order that, for special services, &c., the prescribed remuneration may be increased.
(2.) No appointment will be made at present. It is considered that two official assignees are sufficient to meet existing requirements.

(11.) Dentist to whom Returned Soldiers are sent for Treatment:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) In connection with the New South Wales Contingents sent to South Africa, what is the name of the metropolitan dentist to whom returned soldiers are sent for treatment; and what fees are paid per man for such treatment?
(2.) What is the total amount paid in this direction up to date?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is still in the hands of the Military Authorities, who have again been applied to for the information.

(12.) Mr. Rogers, Manager of Mount Kembla Colliery:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Does Mr. Rogers, the manager of Mount Kembla Colliery, hold a certificate of competency or a service certificate under the Coal-mines Regulation Act of 1896?
(2.) If so, does he hold a first or a second class certificate?
(3.) In view of the evidence given by Mr. Rogers, and the character of the replies to questions on his examination at the coronial inquiry on the Mount Kembla disaster, is it the Minister's intention to suspend or cancel such certificate?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) A certificate of service.
(2.) He holds a certificate as manager. This is equivalent to a first-class certificate. (*See* Coal Mines Regulation Act, section 8, part IV.)
(3.) No. The power to cancel or suspend such certificate rests with a Court of Inquiry, as provided under section 10 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

(13.) Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers' Employees:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is he aware of the fact that Mr. Justice Cohen, President of the Arbitration Court, has ruled, in reference to the appeal of the Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers Employees' Association against the Caterers and Restaurant-keepers' Association, that domestic service under the Arbitration Act means "private service rendered to a person in business, trade, &c."?
(2.) In view of the above decision, will the Minister take immediate steps to have the Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers' employees brought under the provisions of the Early Closing Act?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Early Closing Act applies only to such employees as are brought within its provisions by the interpretation of the Act itself. The Crown Law Authorities have advised that it does not apply to those who are not associated with the work of the hotel in connection with the bar or dining-room.

(14.) Road through Mr. T. B. Rea's Estate, Macquarie Fields:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) *Re* answers to Dr. Ross' Questions on Tuesday, 2nd September, *re* proposed road through Macquarie Fields estate—will he inform this House whether it is not a fact that his predecessor in office, the Honorable J. H. Young, and the Honorable J. H. Carruthers when Minister for Lands in a previous Government, both emphatically refused to sanction the resumption of the land, and the making of a road through Macquarie Fields estate, on the ground that the same was proved by officers of the Government to be unnecessary?

(2.) Is he aware of, and will he explain what other circumstances, if any, have arisen to justify the resumption and making of such a road?

(3.) Will he, having regard to his answer to a previous Question that it has been urged that the road in question is much needed by the public, say who are the person or persons so urging, and if he has caused any inquiry to be made as to the public need for such road, and with what results?

(4.) Will he say whether he did not on a former occasion attend personally to inspect the old road proposed to be closed, and also the route of the new road; whether he was not informed by Mr. Dryman, occupier of the adjoining estate, that such new road was absolutely unnecessary, and that the old road was necessary and could be put in thorough repair to answer all the requirements of the public at a less cost than £300?

(5.) Will he inquire of the Commissioners for Railways, and report to this House, whether it is not a fact that in the event of the resumption and opening of the road in question that there would be no access thereto from the railway station for vehicular traffic, and an expensive overhead bridge or an underground entrance and exit thereto would have to be constructed at a very heavy cost?

(6.) Is he further aware, and will he not inform this House, that Engineer and Surveyor Scrivener and Road Superintendent Harden, officers of the Government, gave evidence on oath before the Land Board, that the old road could be made a thorough good road, and answer all requirements of the public, at a cost of less than £300; and did not Surveyor Scrivener also depose to the fact that it was wiser to expend any money available in making the existing road good than in resuming land for another road?

(7.) Is he aware that such officers proved on oath before such Land Board that, apart from the question of cost of resumption altogether, the proposed new road would cost a much larger sum than £300?

(8.) Is it not a fact, and is not he aware, that the old road, portion whereof it is intended to close, has been fenced on either side by a substantial three-wire fence, and the road clearly defined and now used by the public?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is somewhat comprehensive, and as it would be difficult to reply to the Questions on such short notice, I will forward it to the Honorable Member when collected.

(15.) Selections of Land made by Mr. Greenhalgh and Mr. Allen, Forbes District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In answer to Dr. Ross' Question of the 27th August last, No. 5, wherein it is stated in reply, "Section 27 (III) of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 provides that the intervention of any road "not being a frontage or intended frontage road between an original conditional purchase and any "additional conditional purchase or conditional lease shall not be an objection to the measurement "of land applied for." In view of the above answer, will he state why one Mr. Allen, a selector in the Forbes District, is allowed to cross over the Orange to Forbes main road, and also half-a-mile over the travelling stock route, to take up an additional conditional purchase of 400 acres of land in the county of Ashburnham, and he a resident and selector in another district?

(2.) Does he or the Lands Department decline to recognise the Orange to Forbes road as a main or frontage road, and a road that has been in use for upwards of half a century; if not, why, then, is this selector allowed to cross this main road and frontage, and to take up an additional conditional purchase outside his own district, and in another county, while selectors living in the county of Ashburnham for upwards of twenty-five years are debarred from increasing the area of their holding?

(3.) Will he state for the information of the public what is meant, or the interpretation of a main or frontage road?

(4.) In regard to the answer given to Question 1, is he aware that there are 1,000 acres of Crown lands adjoining Mr. G. Greenhalgh's original conditional purchase in the Forbes District; why, therefore, is this selector, in the face of this fact, allowed to cross over the creek in the Molong District, at Eugowra, county of Ashburnham, to take up an additional conditional purchase, without residence, of 303 or 135 acres, outside his own district, on the Nanami exchange land, seeing that 1,000 acres of vacant land exists in his own district, and adjoining his original conditional purchase?

(5.) Is it a fact that this same selector made application in January last to be allowed to take up an extra 168 acres, known by the name of Leader's selections, consisting of three small blocks of 58, 59, and 60 acres each, and without residence, to the prejudice and exclusion of other old *bonâ fide* selectors in the locality?

(6.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the foregoing matter freely investigated, in the interest of *bonâ fide* settlers and in justice to original selectors in the locality, who are debarred from increasing the area of their holdings through such action?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The case to which the Honorable Member refers cannot at present be identified, but my honorable colleague will make inquiry and communicate with the Honorable Member.

(4, 5, and 6.) It is understood that Mr. Greenhalgh was, under the provisions of section 27 of the Act of 1889, allowed land on the side of the creek opposite his holding, as at the time the land on the same side as his holding was not legally available.

(16.) Public School Teacher's Residence, Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When are steps likely to be taken, and tenders called for, for enlarging the Public School teacher's residence at Cudal?

(2.) Will he see that provision is made on the ensuing Estimates for the erection of a suitable residence for the Public School teacher at Bocoble, near Molong?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The enlargement of the Cudal residence will be put in hand as soon as funds are available.

(2.) The matter of the Bocoble residence will be considered when the Estimates are passed. It is not an urgent case, inasmuch as the teacher now lives in a comfortable house for which he is paid a rent allowance.

(17.) Construction of a Bridge over the Lachlan, at Goolagong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that during the twenty-one years Dr. Ross has represented the district of Molong in Parliament that he has over and over again protested against the delay in proceeding with the construction of a bridge over the Lachlan at Goolagong, and can the Minister show to this House and the country any just or valid reason why the erection of the bridge is not now being proceeded with, seeing that that the money appeared, and was passed on the last Estimates for its erection?

(2.) What justification or excuse can he offer for delaying to proceed with this long-delayed and necessary public work now that the money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Tenders were received for this bridge last year, but owing to insufficiency of funds none were accepted.

(2.) Revised plans and estimates are being prepared, and efforts are being made to so modify the cost as to allow a contract to be accepted within the next few weeks.

(18.) Erection of Court-house, Eugowra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are steps likely to be taken, and tenders called for, for the erection of a Court-house at Eugowra, that has been recommended and approved of by the Department of Justice for the last few years?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I can only inform the Honorable Member that the erection of this building is contingent upon the provision of the necessary funds by Parliament; but like many other urgent works, it has had to remain over for this reason.

(19.) Police Allowances:—Mr. McNeill asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the police engaged in regulating the traffic receive 1s. per day more than other members of the force who do the same work?

(2.) Are there not many cases in which those receiving the extra 1s. per day are junior in point of service to those receiving the lower rate?

(3.) If so, why is it that increased salary is not made the reward of lengthened service?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The allowance is given to the constables selected for duty at the more important and trying posts; but further provision is asked for on the Estimates to extend the allowance to other posts.

(20.) Cases of Claude Solomon and Humphries:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose to lay upon the Table of this House the papers respecting the cases of Claude Solomon and Humphries, as agreed to by this House some weeks since?

Sir John See answered,—Early next week.

(21.) Chainmen Employed by Surveyors:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that 6d. per day is deducted from chainmen employed by the surveyors in the Railway Construction Branch for the use of tents and galley utensils?

(2.) What is the cost of these tents and galley utensils?

(3.) Will he in future give instructions for such payments to cease immediately the cost of the material has been defrayed by the men, instead of being a continuous charge against them?

(4.) Is he also aware that these men are employed as cooks for the surveyors' camps, and do not receive any pay for working on Sundays in such capacity?

(5.) Will he take steps to remedy this apparent injustice without delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The wages of chainmen are 6s. 6d. per day, wet or fine; there is no deduction for use of tents, &c. They have the free use of tents and utensils, and of the services of a cook, whose wages are equal to 13d. per day per man. The use of the tents and cook are supposed to make up the 7s. per day.

(2.) The cost of tents, &c., is equivalent to about £2 10*s*. per man.

(3.) There is no necessity, as the supposed deduction is not made.

(4.) Chainmen are not employed as cooks. The camp cook gets nominally 6s. 6d. per day for six days, but it was part of the agreement at the time of appointment that his duties extended to Sundays.

(5.) From the above replies it will be seen that there is nothing to remedy.

(22.) Maintenance Men in Country Districts:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that maintenance men in the country districts are not permitted to take advantage of proclaimed local public holidays without their day's pay being stopped?

(2.) If so, will he see that in future they receive the same privileges in regard to all public holidays as are enjoyed by other public servants?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Maintenance men are not, as a rule, paid for local holidays unless they are at work; but special concessions with regard to local holidays are frequently made to the employees of this Department, and maintenance, as well as other workmen, have not been overlooked in this respect. The Honorable Member must not, however, forget this fact—that I have conferred upon the maintenance men privileges in regard to annual holidays which they had not previously enjoyed. For example, I now pay them for Christmas Day and Good Friday, and give them a week's holiday every year on full pay—concessions they did not have three years ago.

3. Conditional Purchase of Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the Parish of Kahibah:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from Anne Mary Clarke, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the conditional purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, of 80 acres, situated in the parish of Kahibah, and the forfeiture of the same, and praying that Petitioner may be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

4. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting unexpended balances on votes and grants for Wagga Wagga Electorate within Wagga Wagga Road District.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Return showing the total number of Officers employed in the Public Service on 31st December, 1895, and on 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

6. Co-operative Colliery, Plattsburg (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of Inspector Humble's report on the method of weighing the coal at the Co-operative Colliery, Plattsburg.
Question put and passed.

7. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Dismissal of James Stephen Inch from the Public Service; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith,—
"(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances "connected with the alleged improper conduct of an inquiry by the Public Service Board, which "resulted in the removal from the Public Service of James Stephen Inch.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Young, "Mr. Millard, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Archer, Mr. Haynes, and the Mover";—until Tuesday, 21st October.
(2.) Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton*];—until Tuesday, 18th November.
(3.) Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton*];—until Tuesday, 18th November.

8. Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways:—Mr. Arthur Griffith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that Mr. Norton be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on "Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways," and that Mr. Fegan be added to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

9. Public Accounts Committee:—The Division Bells having been rung, Mr. Speaker read to the House a portion of section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, and explained the procedure which would be adopted in the election and appointment of the Members of the Public Accounts Committee in accordance with the provisions of that Act.
(1.) Question,—That Mr. James Ashton be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
(2.) Question,—That Mr. John Lionel Fegan be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
(3.) Question put,—That Mr. David Robert Hall be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee.
The House divided.

Ayes, 62.			Noes, 18.
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Macdonald,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Sir John See,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Oakes.	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McGowen,	*Tellers*,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Gillies.	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,		
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Pyers,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,

(4.) Question,—That Mr. Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins Mackenzie be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

(5.) Question put,—That Mr. Patrick Edward Quinn be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Dick, Mr. Levy, Mr. Sleath, and Mr. Ferguson.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wagga Wagga, Mr. Gormly, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "removal of Mr. K. Murchison from the office of Member of Local Land Board, Coonabarabran." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. COBAR TO WILCANNIA RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment and an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

12. TEMORA TO BARELLAN RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

13. BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

14. TUCKIAN FLOOD ESCAPE SCHEME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight.—

FRIDAY, 5 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. John Hurley
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Miller,
Sir John See,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Holman.	Mr. Edden.
Mr. John Storey,	*Tellers*,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Evans,		
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Chapman.	Mr. Webster.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

15. Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam) Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

16. Richmond Bridge Bill:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

17. Dairy Industry Bill:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate dairies and dairy factories, and the production and manufacture and exportation of dairy produce; to secure that dairy produce shall be produced, manufactured, sold and exported in a wholesome state; to regulate the storage, carriage, and exportation of dairy produce; and to regulate the manufacture, sale, carriage, packing, importation, and exportation of margarine, and other similar substances.
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Lonsdale and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

18. University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act, 1900.

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

(2.) Mr. Perry then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the University and University Colleges Act*, 1900,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

19. Gold-Dredging Leases Modification Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered,

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

20. Gold and Mineral Dredging Act Amendment Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act*, 1899,"—which was read a first time.

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

21. Adjournment:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Piracy Punishment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 124.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the punishment for piracy*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1902.

(2.) Trustees of Schools of Arts Enabling Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 125.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for enabling the trustees of lands held for a Mechanics' Institute or School of Arts, or other institution for public instruction or amusement, to sell, lease, and mortgage such lands; for providing for the appointment of new trustees; and for other matters in connection therewith*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1902.

(3.) Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 126.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for making more effectual provision for paving certain streets of the city of Newcastle, and for the licensing and regulation of public vehicles within the said city*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1902.

(4.) Women's College Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 127.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and endowment of the College for Women within the University of Sydney*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th September, 1902.

(5.) Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 128.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to grants of public money in aid of public worship*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th September, 1902.

(6.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 129.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the regulation of coal-mines and collieries*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th September, 1902.

(7.) Government Savings Bank Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 130.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Government Savings Bank*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th September, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Treatment of New South Wales by the Federal Government:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that throughout this State there is a widespread feeling of indignation at the unfair treatment meted out to New South Wales by the Federal Government?

(2.) Is he aware that a Prime Minister of another Australian State has been approached to initiate a movement to secede from the Commonwealth; and, if so, will he co-operate if requested to do so?

(3.) Has he received any intimation to the effect that the Federal Capital question has been shelved indefinitely?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The peoples of Australia, having agreed to federate, will have to work out their own destiny.
(2.) No.
(3.) No.

(2.) Newcastle Pilots:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Public Service Board in reference to the Newcastle pilots?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to the cases of Pilots Beale, Bennett, and Wood, who were suspended for negligence or carelessness in the discharge of their duties. It having been decided by the Honorable the Attorney-General that it does not come within the powers of the Public Service Board to deal with such cases as a matter of suspension or inquiry, the Board returned the papers to me, and I then directed that the pilots be censured and allowed to return to duty.

(3.) Intervention of Board of Health in various Boroughs:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Power, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a statement by Dr. Ashburton Thompson to the effect that the Board of Health had to intervene within the Borough of Newtown during the recent plague visitation?

(2.)

(2.) Is the Council of the Borough of Newtown the Health Authority under the Health Act?
(3.) In how many other boroughs in the metropolitan area had the Board of Health to make a similar intervention?
(4.) Was the cost of the health measures referred to by Dr. Ashburton Thompson borne by the Borough of Newtown or other boroughs (if any) wholly or in part?

Sir John See answered,—
(1 and 2.) Yes.
(3.) Six. Redfern, Waterloo, Alexandria, Paddington, Woollahra, and Camperdown.
(4.) The Borough of Newtown furnished two, and occasionally three, carters, horses, and scavenger's carts, into which rubbish was loaded by the Departmental scavenging staff. None of the other municipalities named gave any assistance. The City of Sydney gave, occasionally, assistance of a similar, and of other kinds on request in respect of those parts of the cleansing operations over which the Government thought it necessary to keep entire control; but, in addition, it did everything outside such work which a Local Authority should do, and in a very efficient way.

(4.) Traffic, Liverpool and Elizabeth Streets:—Mr. Eden George asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that, owing to the reckless riding of a cyclist at the corner of Liverpool and Elizabeth Streets, Dr. Thomas Storie Dixon had his arm broken?
(2.) Will he see that in future a constable is constantly stationed at this dangerous intersection to protect the lives of citizens?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following answers:—
(1.) The rider of the bicycle dismounted and accompanied Dr. Dixon to his residence. The doctor did not ask his name, nor does he desire any action.
(2.) The constable on the beat attends to the traffic in this locality, and a traffic officer is on duty there when practicable.

(5.) Supreme Court Case, Rossi *v.* Walker:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the demurrer de Rossi *v.* Walker (nominal defendant for the Crown), when the Government successfully pleaded the statute of limitations as a bar to an action for salary alleged to be due to the Comte de Rossi?
(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to shelter itself behind this purely technical plea, and so prevent the merits of the case being sifted by a jury, with the possible denial of justice to an old public servant?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information:—The claim of the Comte de Rossi is for salary said to be due to him from the year 1882 to the present time, £8,175. He has not been connected with the Service since 1882. The case being *sub judice*, it would be improper to state more than the plain fact that the claim has repeatedly been before Parliament, and has occupied the attention of successive Ministers of Justice, and it is believed to be eminently a case in which the Statute of Limitations should be pleaded, in the effort to save further unnecessary expenditure of time and money. Mr. Gould, in particular, went very thoroughly into the details of the claim, and expressed an unqualified opinion regarding its merits. The technical plea of the Statute of Limitations is resorted to by the Government only in rare instances.

(6.) Pay of Engine-drivers and Firemen:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the average rate of pay received by engine-drivers and firemen who are to have their hours of labour reduced from nine to eight hours?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The average wages paid per week of six days, including overtime with 25 per cent. extra and expenses, is at the present time, for drivers about £4 11s. 10d., and firemen £3 8s. 6d. In regard to expenses when away from home, it should be mentioned that free lodgings are provided.

(7.) Endowments Paid to Municipalities:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of endowments paid to municipalities for the ten years preceding the 1st July, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The total amount of endowments paid to municipalities from 1893 to 1901–2, inclusive, was—Endowments under Municipalities Act, £221,773 2s. 5d.; endowments under Special Votes, £254,770 19s. 11d.; total, £476,544 2s. 4d.

(8.) Inspection of Dairies by Officers of Board of Health:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that the system of dairies inspection by officers of the Board of Health is causing much annoyance amongst dairy farmers, particularly in the Macleay, Nambucca, Bellinger, and other North Coast districts?
(2.) Has his attention been drawn to telegrams from Kempsey in the morning papers of Thursday, 4th September, which state that dairymen had made certain complaints about the administration of the Act by officers of the Public Health Department?
(3.) Is he aware that there is no finality in the system followed, and that what one inspector considers satisfactory another may condemn?
(4.) Will he consider the advisability of bringing about a system by which supervision of dairies shall be controlled by the Agricultural Department only, capable officers only being employed, and definite standards fixed?
(5.) Pending any reform, will he see that dairy farmers are not compelled to carry out the orders recently issued by the police for the Health Authorities?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Local Authorities are charged by Statute to inspect dairies. The veterinary officers of the Board of Health do not inspect dairies, but visit districts to ascertain whether Local Authorities are duly executing the Dairies Supervision Act, which Local Authorities are charged by the law to execute. I am not aware that much annoyance is caused amongst dairy farmers by due execution of the law by Local Authorities. The Board of Health in its discretion administers the Act with great consideration in all cases, and, in respect of districts in which it has been recently proclaimed, invariably with leniency.

(2.) No complaint has come to my knowledge.

(3.) No.

(4 and 5.) Supervision of dairies over the whole State can be effected only by Local Authorities for the various municipal and other districts into which the State is divided, and not by any central department. But definite minimum standards for their guidance have been carefully fixed by the Board of Health, and have been in use for many years. These leave no room for doubt as to what is necessary in order to satisfy the law and safeguard the public health, and do not admit of special requirements being added by individual officers of Local Authorities. As a matter of fact, it is rare to find that Local Authorities have enforced all even of these minimum standards; they err rather on the side of leniency, and this is sometimes so great as to amount to neglect of their statutory duty. The inspectors appointed by the Board are all experienced and competent officers, for the most part duly qualified veterinary surgeons.

(9.) Assistant Secretary and Treasurer to the Harbour Trust:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that applications have been invited by public advertisement for the position of Assistant Secretary and Treasurer to the Harbour Trust, at a salary of £500 per annum?

(2.) What are the duties of the proposed office?

(3.) How many persons are employed by the Harbour Trust (*a*) on the clerical staff; (*b*) on the professional staff; (*c*) as labourers?

(4.) What is the salary of the Secretary?

(5.) What is the total cost of administering the Trust?

Sir John See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Sydney Harbour Trust:—

(1.) The position for which applications have been invited is that of Treasurer and Assistant Accountant to the Sydney Harbour Trust.

(2.) The administration of the Accounts Branch of the Trust.

(3.) The Harbour Trust at present employs (*a*) 80 officers on the clerical staff; (*b*) 24 officers on the professional staff; (*c*) 53 officers in the dredge service, lightships, &c.; (*d*) 747 labourers. The number of labourers employed varies from day to day.

(4.) The salary of the Secretary and Chief Accountant is £700 per annum.

(5.) £28,503 16s. 11d. per annum, which includes, amongst other items, the salaries of the Commissioners and the cost of the staff of the Engineer-in-Chief and Chief Surveyor.

(10.) Public Holidays:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to an answer given by the Premier some time ago on the question of curtailing the number of public holidays, will he say definitely whether it is intended to limit the number of these public holidays in future, and particularly to abolish the 1st of August, which is a Bank holiday at present?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is now receiving the attention of the Government.

(11.) Parramatta Sewerage:—Mr. Moxham asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state definitely if it is his intention to introduce a Bill in connection with the sewerage of Parramatta during this Session?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to a reply given to a similar Question of his a few weeks ago, when I stated that this must await consideration of the Cabinet. I will, however, bring the matter before the Cabinet at an early date.

(12.) First-class Passengers requiring Sleeping Berths on Government Railways:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Why are first-class passengers who accept an invitation from the Railway Commissioners to travel 300 miles in the interior at excursion rates refused the privilege of using a sleeping-berth on the return journey when willing to pay for it, the said berth reaching Sydney unoccupied?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Railway Commissioners point out that it would not be equitable to extend the same privileges to the holders of cheap excursion tickets as are given to those passengers who pay the ordinary fares.

(13.) University Education afforded Country Boys:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will the Government consider the advisability of giving boys residing in country districts, and who may be educated at other than Public Schools, the same opportunity and assistance, by bursary or other privileges, to enable deserving lads, after passing the matriculation examination, to proceed to the University?

(2.) Is it a fact that only those attending Public Schools or the Sydney Grammar School are so considered?

(3.) Will he state existing conditions so that same might be generally known, and will he at once consider the advisability and great importance of placing similar opportunity within reach of all comers?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The matter will receive consideration.

(2.) Yes.

(3.)

(3.) Regulations relating thereto are appended :—

"*Regulations respecting State Bursaries for University Education.*

"Ten bursaries, six for boys and four for girls, tenable for three years at the Sydney "University, will be awarded annually on the position of candidates at the annual matriculation "examination.

"Candidates must be under 18 years of age at the date of examination, and must have "attended a High School, a Public School, or, as State Bursars, the Sydney Grammar School, for the "year previous to the examination; and they must produce satisfactory testimonials of character "from the head masters of the schools they have attended.

"They must satisfy the Minister of Public Instruction that their own and their parents' "means are unequal to the expense of the University education. To a successful competitor who "resides at such distance from the University as to be unable to travel to and fro daily, a full "Bursary will be awarded; while to one who resides in the metropolitan or sub-metropolitan "inspectorial district, within easy access of the University, part of a Bursary only will be awarded. "The candidate's status as to whether he can be deemed eligible for a full Bursary or part of a "Bursary will be decided by the Minister before his admission to examination.

"A Bursary shall entitle pupils to text-books and free education, together with an "allowance not exceeding £20 per annum to those who need not board away from home, and not "exceeding £50 to those who must necessarily do so; provided that a Bursar who wins and "elects to hold a Scholarship or Exhibition offered by the Senate of the University, shall be "entitled to receive from the two sources conjointly an allowance of not more than £50 per "annum.

"Every Bursar must matriculate at the University and attend day lectures; and he shall "continue to hold the Bursary only on condition that his conduct be good, and that he pass "creditably the examination at the end of the first and second years after his matriculation.

"The parents or guardians of candidates must fill in and forward to the Under Secretary "the necessary forms of application for University Bursaries at least three weeks before the "date of the matriculation examination. Such forms may be obtained at the Department of "Public Instruction."

(14.) "Prince of Wales Hotel," George-street:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has property known as 782 and 784, George-street, at the corner of Gipps-street, known as the "Prince of Wales Hotel," been resumed by the Government; and, if so, for what purpose?

(2.) What other properties in the neighbourhood have been resumed for a similar purpose?

(3.) Have the Government since entered into any arrangement for a re-lease of any of these properties; and, if so, for what purpose, and under what condition?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) (*a*) Yes; (*b*) resumed to improve approaches to Central Railway extension.

(2.) (*a*) 786—812, inclusive, George-street; (*b*) 475, Pitt-street to Christ Church School, inclusive; (*c*) Refreshment rooms and stores in Gipps-street (A. Hordern & Sons); (*d*) Store in Parker-lane.

(3.) Yes, in one case, that of the site of the "Prince of Wales Hotel." On this land the lessor, prior to resumption, had commenced the erection of new hotel premises which were to be held under a long lease, and in order to extinguish nearly the whole of the claim of such lessee for loss of lease, &c., the Government agreed to erect a new hotel on the site, and lease the same to the late lessee. It is a good bargain on behalf of the Government.

(15.) Mr. H. Darley, Associate to the Chief Justice:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—In what manner does Mr. H. Darley, Associate to Chief Justice Darley, assist other Judges' Associates, and to what extent has he so assisted them since Sir Frederick Darley left the State?

Sir John See answered,—Mr. Darley continues to deal with all applications for appointment as commissioners for taking affidavits, and appointment of guardians to give consent to the marriage of minors throughout the State, and also the inquiries and correspondence relating thereto. The Acting Chief Justice states that he has received great assistance from Mr. Darley, owing to his familiarity with this portion of His Honor's duties.

(16.) Cattle and Sheep on the Catchment Area:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that a large number of cattle and sheep are being depastured upon land within the catchment area, and that, in consequence, the water supplied to consumers in the metropolis and suburbs is contaminated?

(2.) Is it not true also that a number of pigs are kept on land within the same area?

(3.) Will he inform this House as to the ownership of a number of cattle from the Campbelltown, Camden, and Narellan districts now being depastured on portion of the catchment area?

(4.) Were prosecutions instituted against certain stock-owners for having, without authority, made use of Crown lands on the catchment area for depasturing purposes; and, if so, why were these prosecutions withdrawn?

(5.) Does he think that it is in the interests of the general public that the catchment area should be used as a feeding ground for stock, whether paid for or not; and if he does not, will he see that the practice is at once abolished?

Sir John See answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The Board are not possessed of information as to ownership.

(4.) Yes, a prosecution was instituted by Department of Lands at the instance of the Board; this was afterwards withdrawn by Lands Department.

(5.) It is certainly detrimental to allow cattle to be depastured on the gathering ground of a water supply, but as the Crown Lands within the catchment area are not vested in the Board they are unable to take action.

(17.) Motions for Adjournment of the House:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many Motions for Adjournment have been moved during the current Session (*a*) by Members of the Ministerial party; (*b*) by Members of the Labour party; (*c*) by Members of the Opposition; and (*d*) by Members of the Country party, respectively?

Sir John See answered,—(*a*) four; (*b*) five; (*c*) four; (*d*) eight. This reply is given with as much accuracy as possible in the absence of definite information as to the composition of the various parties referred to.

(18.) Cattle agisted on the Catchment Area:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many cattle are agisted on the Crown lands within the Prospect catchment area?
(2.) Who are the owners of the cattle?
(3.) By whose authority were these owners allowed to place their cattle on the catchment area?

Sir John See answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answers:—
(1.) About 1,500 head.
(2.) A few belong to settlers on or near the area, but the greater number belong to residents of Campbelltown, Narellan, Maldon, and Menangle.
(3.) No authority has been given.

(19.) Permanent Assessors:—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What are the names of the permanent assessors, their term of office, qualifications, and salaries?
(2.) Is it true that the Lyne Government condemned the policy of appointing local agents for the various districts, and promised the appointment of competent men?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have a reassessment of the whole of the State in accordance with the Act which states the assessment stood for five years, which has now expired?
(4.) What system of assessment is now adopted?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Mr. Wiley, Chief Assessor, £475; Mr. Maclean, £400, Mr. Twine, £350, assessors, all on the permanent staff; Mr. Gordon, £350, Mr. Fetherstonhaugh, £350, Mr. Binstead, £300, assessors employed under special agreement, but whose services are continuous; Mr. Heffernan, £190, Mr. Greville, £170, employed partly as assessors and partly in the office, both on the permanent staff.
(2.) Local agents have not been appointed, but in addition to the regular staff above, the Commissioners have, in the case of Newcastle and a few suburban and country municipalities and the North Coast District, employed thoroughly competent private assessors at a fixed fee.
(3 and 4.) Under the provisions of the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act of 1900 it was not necessary to make a complete reassessment of the State at the expiration of the five years' period.

(20.) *Hansard* Officers transferred to the Commonwealth:—*Mr. Sullivan*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Why have not all the late members of the *Hansard* staff who were transferred to the Public Service of the Commonwealth been refunded the amount of the income tax which they paid in 1901, in accordance with their formal applications made to the Commissioners many months ago?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Refund certificates have been issued to all the members of the *Hansard* staff who were transferred to the Public Service of the Commonwealth. Due notice of such has been issued to each taxpayer so entitled. If any amounts are still uncollected, the non-payment is due to taxpayers not complying with the Treasury requirements.

(21.) New Railway Rolling Stock:—*Mr. Law*, for Mr. McGowen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What contracts have the Railway Commissioners made outside of the State of New South Wales for new rolling stock for the years 1901, 1902, and 1903?
(2.) Specifying in each case the cost and kind of rolling stock, and name and address of contractors?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the Commissioners during the period referred to made two contracts for locomotives with Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, & Co., England; the first for forty heavy goods engines, cost—in steam—Sydney, £204,240; second, thirty-five heavy suburban tank engines, cost—in steam—Sydney, £136,500. A contract was also let for 450 pressed steel waggon bodies and underframes with the Transportation Development Company of Pittsburgh, at a cost of £20,503, f.o.b. New York. An order for one sample steel ballast car of 30 tons capacity was also placed with this firm, cost, f.o.b. New York, £200. An order was also placed for a sample ballast car with Messrs. Sheffield & Twinberrow, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, cost, £196 18s.

3. Papers:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting the detention of vessels in Newcastle Harbour during six months ended 31st July, 1902.
(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the duplication of the Great Western Railway at Katoomba.
(3.) Nineteenth Annual Report under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land, parishes of Erudgere and Munna, county of Wellington, for the construction of a Bridge over McDonald's Creek.
(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land, parish of Goonoo, county of Lincoln, for the erection of a fence in lieu of a cattle stop in connection with the Dubbo-Coonamble Railway.
(3.) Accounts of the South Head Roads Trust for the half-year ended 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th September, 1902,—"Co-operative "Colliery, Plattsburg."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Attendants in Hospitals for the Insane.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1902,—"Dismissal of Claude Solomon, late Staff "Paymaster, Military Forces."

(3.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1902,—"Dismissal of John Ernest Humphries, late "clerk, Botanic Gardens."

(4.) Return (in completion) to an Order made on 14th November, 1901,—"Leave of Absence to "Civil Servants before being retrenched."

(5.) Returns respecting the Census of New South Wales, 1901—(*a*) Education of the People; (*b*) Comparative Statement of the Habitations in the six States of Australia and in New Zealand.

(6.) Reasons for granting further special sick leave to Mr. C. A. Callaghan, clerk, State Children's Relief Department.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Leave of Absence:—Mr. Sullivan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence be granted to William Nicholas Willis, Esquire, Member for The Barwon, for the remainder of the Session.
Question put and passed.

5. Sunday Observance Bill (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Affleck, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sabbath Day.
Question put and passed.

6. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That "A Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, "1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1891; to amend the "law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for other purposes,"—which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

7. Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *9th September*, 1902.

8. Temora to Barellan Railway Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, *9th September*, 1902.

9. Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th September, 1902.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Stage-carriages Act Amendment Bill postponed until Tuesday, 2nd December.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The necessity for a "close inquiry into the alleged unfair treatment, by the Imperial military authorities, of Major "Lenehan, late of the Bushveldt Carbineers."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Arthur Griffith submitted that as, under the Commonwealth Constitution Act, all matters relating to the Military Service were transferred from the States to the Federal Government, this House was not competent to take this subject into its consideration.

Mr. Speaker thought that it would be competent to this House to make some representation to the Federal Government in the matter, and under such circumstances it would be regular to take a discussion in this manner.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Affleck, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sabbath Day*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th November.

13. CORONERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Cohen proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Frank Farnell requested Mr. Speaker's attention to the provisions of this Bill, which involved an increased expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue, and should, therefore, have been preceded by a Message from the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was clearly of opinion that this Bill was out of order, as it involved an increased charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and had not originated with a Message from the Crown.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

14. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Frank Farnell submitted that the provisions of this Bill made important amendments in two Acts other than that which was referred to in the Order of Leave. For this reason he considered the Bill to be out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that, according to recent practice, it was not necessary in the Order of Leave to mention every Act that the Bill proposed to alter, but as the Title of this Bill was unusually restrictive and the Bill proposed to materially amend both the Bankruptcy Act and the Wills and Probate Act, thus going beyond the Order of Leave, he must decide that it could not be proceeded with.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

15. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on 3rd September, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalise the use of an instrument known as 'The Totalizator' on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations, and to more effectually cope with the practice of gaming; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. PROPERTY DETENTION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law in relation to detention of goods in respect to time-payment agreements.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law in relation to detention of goods in respect to time-payment agreements.

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

(2.) Mr. E. M. Clark then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law in relation to detention of goods in respect to time-payment agreements*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

17. Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.			Noes, 8.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Levy,
Sir John See,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. E. M. Clark.	*Tellers*,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Quinn,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Morton,		Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Brinor,	Mr. Thomson.	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.

On motion of *Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) *Mr. Hurley*, for Dr. Ross, then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

18. Legal Practitioners Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.

19. Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.

20. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, "That this Bill be now read a second "time,"—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.

21. Whitney Estate Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

22. Postponements :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) The Legislative Council ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith,—"That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for a reform of the "Constitution of this State in the direction of placing the Government of the country entirely in "the hands of the elected representatives of the people, and that to attain this object it is necessary "that the Legislative Council should be 'abolished.'"
Upon which Mr. Moore had moved to leave out the word "abolished" and insert the word "elected," instead thereof ;—until Tuesday, 7th October.

(2.) Railways of New South Wales ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nielsen,—
"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the railways of New South Wales could be more "economically and better managed by one general manager than by a Commission consisting of "three members.
"(2.) That the Railway Act should be amended to give effect to the foregoing resolution" ;—until Tuesday next.

23. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices.

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

(2.) Mr. Anderson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate charges made by registry offices in regard to obtaining employment for servants, and for the registration and regulation of such offices*,"—which was read a first time.

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

24. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Newspaper Articles Bill postponed until To-morrow.

25. CONDITION OF THE BLIND WORKERS OF THE STATE :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of the blind workers of the State.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Levy, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Millard, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

26. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Deposits on Applications for Scrub Leases:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer on the 30th June, 1902, for deposits on applications for scrub leases not yet dealt with by the Department of Lands?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The balance at credit of the account "Deposits on Applications for "Scrub Leases" on 30th June, 1902, was £1,756. I am informed by the Department of Lands that the number of applications not dealt with on the date mentioned was forty.

(2.) Employment of Shorthand-writers in Law Courts:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Bill for employing shorthand reporters in our law courts?

Sir John See answered,—Yes.

(3.) Appointments to the Public Service Board or Office of Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to consult Parliament before any fresh appointments, or reappointments, are made to the Public Service Board or office of Railway Commissioners?

Sir John See answered,—These are matters which will be dealt with by the Executive in due course.

(4.) Federal Capital Site:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Can he inform this House of any progress made by the Federal authorities in the selection of the site of the Federal capital?
(2.) Is he aware that up to the present the expenditure in Melbourne, on account of the Federal Government being located there, reaches the sum of £200,000?
(3.) In view of the difficulty of overcoming "an interest" once it becomes "vested," and in view of the fact that arrangements are gradually assuming a permanent form in respect of Melbourne as the Federal capital, will he move in the matter, and also give the New South Wales Parliament the opportunity of placing on record its support of any vigorous action on his part?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) At the request of the Commonwealth Government, I have furnished particulars of the various proposed sites as collected by Mr. Oliver, and have, from time to time, supplemented these in accordance with further requests; but I have had no official intimation as to the course of action which is proposed by the Federal Government.
(2.) I am not aware of the amount.
(3.) Whenever this Government can take effective action to hasten the establishment of the capital in New South Wales, they will not hesitate to invite the concurrence and support of Parliament. At the same time, the Government have no reason to believe that there is any disposition on the part of the Federal Government to break faith with the people of Australia by an undue delay in giving effect to section 125 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

(5.) Construction of the Waranga Reservoir, Victoria:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Government of Victoria have authorised the construction of the Waranga reservoir at an estimated cost of £264,000; also, that tenders have been invited for the work, and close on 22nd October next?

(2.) Is he aware that the construction of the Waranga reservoir is only part of a scheme to provide the mallee country of Victoria with water, and that the scheme has been approved by the Railway Standing Committee of Victoria, at a cost of £1,000,000?

(3.) Does he know that the construction of the schemes referred to are within the Murray basin, and that the question of the allotment of the waters of that basin has been remitted to the Inter-State Royal Commission on the Murray River?

(4.) Is he aware that evidence taken before the Inter-State Royal Commission shows that it is intended to supply this reservoir from the River Murray at Bungowannah?

(5.) Does he consider the action of Victoria a federal one, in view of the fact that the report of the Inter-State Royal Commission has not been received, and does he intend to make any protest in connection with the matter?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) I have not been officially informed to that effect, but am aware that it has been so stated in the newspapers, and I believe the statement to be correct.

(2.) I believe that such is the case.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes; I believe the intention is to draw upon the Murray to supplement the waters to be drawn from the Goulburn River, which is a Victorian tributary of the Murray.

(5.) I think such action is very inopportune, and calculated seriously to embarrass the Inter-State Royal Commission now sitting, which is charged with the duty of reporting upon the just allotment of the waters of the Murray basin. The Government will protest against any further steps being taken in the matter until the report of the Royal Commission shall have been received and considered. As the ownership of the bed of the River Murray is vested in New South Wales, this State will not permit the construction of any weir or other works in the stream by the Victorian Government or any other parties without the permission of this Government.

(6.) Extra Living Allowances to Public Servants:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that assistant engineers and engineers in charge of railway construction works in the North-Western District receive an extra living allowance in addition to their ordinary salaries?

(2.) If such be the case, will he see that the men on smaller salaries receive a similar concession in future?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) These matters are in all cases referred to the Public Service Board, who decide what allowances are to be paid.

(7.) Fire Brigades:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the fire brigades are entitled to charge for services rendered in extinguishing fires?

(2.) If so, what are the regulation charges; if not, will he deal with any fire brigade that is attempting to charge for their services?

Sir John See answered,—The Fire Brigades Board has furnished the following information:—

(1.) Yes, in cases where the fires at which brigade attendance is required are beyond the area contributing to maintain the fire brigade service.

(2.) There is no scale. Charges are regulated by the distance of travelling, time of working, men and material engaged, and actual expenses. Usually a brigade does not operate beyond the area specified by the Fire Brigades Act, unless those desiring its service undertake to pay the expense incurred. If the Honorable Member will indicate a particular case, inquiry will be made.

(8.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the House of Representatives in New Zealand has amended the Old-age Pensions Act by extending the scope of the original Act in allowing a person, otherwise qualified in regard to time of residence, to claim a pension when he has property valued at £300, on condition that he transfers the property to a public trustee, the pensioner being allowed to reside on the property till death?

(2.) If so, will he recommend the Government to introduce an amending Bill, on similar lines, for the State of New South Wales?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This matter will be considered in connection with the amending Bill now being prepared.

(9.) Estimates for the Current Year:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As it is the intention of the Government to shortly submit to Parliament the Estimates for the current year, will the Treasurer have a diagram prepared on a reduced scale showing the various heads of expenditure, which will facilitate the labours of the Honorable Members in dealing with the same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Diagrammatic representation is only applicable in certain lines, but the advisability or otherwise of using it in the way indicated by the Honorable Member will be considered.

(10.) State Loans:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the Victorian Parliament has been asked to take early steps to confer with the Parliaments of the other States and the Federal Parliament, with the object of obtaining the highest expert financial authority to devise some workable scheme, equitable to all the States, for consolidating and converting the State loans, as they fall due, into Australian Consols, bearing a lower rate of interest?

(2.) If so, will he recommend the Parliament of this State to co-operate in the direction sought?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I was not previously aware.

(2.) If any communication upon the matter reaches me, it will receive my careful consideration.

(11.)

(11.) Public Works in Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In respect to Questions by Dr. Ross on the 27th August in reference to public works in Molong District, is he yet in a position to supply the information asked for and promised, and what has been the cause of the delay?

(2.) If local officers (as the Minister in his answers implies) have the sole power of expending public money on roads, culverts, bridges, and other necessary local works in the interior, will he consider whether it is advisable to keep up an unnecessary staff of highly-paid salaried officers in the Head or Central Office if Members of Parliament are compelled to wait the convenience of some local petty officer before being supplied with the necessary information asked for?

(3.) Will he state what amount is annually placed at the disposal of the local officer by the Minister for Works in the Molong District for carrying out urgent and necessary local public works?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I shall be ready to furnish the information in a day or two.

(2.) The local officers have not the sole power or control in expenditure of public money on roads, &c., and no unnecessary staff is maintained at Head Office, but such details of information to date as were asked for must unavoidably be obtained from the executive officer on the spot.

(3.) There is no fixed sum annually placed at the disposal of the officer for carrying out local road works. The amounts for expenditure on the scheduled roads are voted by Parliament. Other special grants, varying in amounts, are from time to time made by the Minister in response to applications from, or through, the Member.

(12.) Road through Mr. T. B. Rea's Estate, Macquarie Fields:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In reference to the Questions asked by Dr. Ross, on the 4th September, in reference to a road through Mr. T. B. Rea's estate, Macquarie Fields, will he state whether the promised information is yet available?

(2.) If so, will he, for the information of other Honorable Members and the general public, furnish the information asked for in the usual manner in this House, so that the answers may appear on the Votes and Proceedings of Parliament for future reference, in place (as proposed) of sending the information to Dr. Ross privately, seeing that the answers to the Questions involve matters of considerable public importance?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes, and will be forwarded to the Honorable Member in a day or two.

(2.) I always see this is done when it is possible to do so.

(13.) Experimental Farm, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the number of students at the Experimental Farm, Wagga Wagga?

(2.) What field training do such students receive?

(3.) Are lectures given for the instruction of students; and, if so, when, and on what subjects?

(4.) If lectures are given, who are the lecturers?

(5.) When is it intended to invite tenders for the proposed students' quarters?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) There are thirteen students at this farm.

(2.) Instruction in the principles of agriculture and horticulture as applied to all kinds of work carried out at the farm, the use of farm implements and machinery, the management of stock and poultry, orchard work, and fruit drying.

(3 and 4.) This farm was opened to students for the purpose of giving them a training principally in practical work. Although there are no set lectures, the Farm Manager and his assistants give all necessary instructions to the students.

(5.) The necessary plans have been prepared, and instructions have been given to the Works Department to call for tenders.

(14.) Collections in Public Schools for Mount Kembla Disaster Fund:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a complaint made in the *Evening News* of Tuesday, 9th instant, concerning a collection which has been authorised throughout the Public Schools in aid of the Mount Kembla Disaster Fund?

(2.) Is he aware that a circular was recently issued by the Chief Inspector, instructing teachers to collect contributions amongst themselves and their pupils?

(3.) Is he aware that such an intimation from the Chief Inspector means that teachers are being coerced in the matter?

(4.) Was the circular issued with his knowledge and sanction?

(5.) As many parents and teachers have already subscribed to the Mount Kembla Fund, and as collections from the children mean second contributions by parents, will he order the withdrawal of the circular, and prevent the collection going any further?

(6.) Will he provide that in future Public School teachers shall not be permitted, much less ordered, to make special collections in schools for any but school purposes?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No instructions were issued; but metropolitan teachers and, through the local inspectors, country teachers were invited to co-operate with the view of rendering substantial aid to the Relief Fund, by means of concerts, displays, and collections.

(3.) Decidedly not.

(4.) Yes. I approved of all teachers who desired to do so receiving contributions from their pupils.

(5.) I see no reason whatsoever for the course proposed.
(6.) No. One of the aims of the Department is to train up the children to a true comprehension of the rights, duties, and dignity of citizenship. Surely in the face of a national disaster, such as that under notice, where, in addition to the appalling loss of life, hundreds of their fellow school children have been left without the means of existence, true citizenship cannot be better fostered than by encouraging the pupils to do what they can for those in such dire distress.

(15.) Secretary to the Harbour Trust:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he ascertain from the Harbour Trust Commissioners (*a*) how many days the Secretary to this Trust has been absent on leave, or otherwise, from office since the date of his appointment; and (*b*) for what causes?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust has furnished the following information:—Since the date of his appointment as Secretary to the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, Mr. Martin has had twelve days' ordinary leave and fifty-two days' sick leave. In addition, the Commissioners have upon several occasions instructed Mr. Martin to devote himself entirely to work of a special and important character, such as the preparation of the regulations of the Trust, reports for Parliament, &c.

(16.) Construction of Waranga Basin, Victoria—Goulburn Mallee Irrigation Scheme:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the Victorian Government, without waiting for the report of the Murray River Commission, has called for tenders for the construction of the first section of the Waranga Basin and the Goulburn Mallee Irrigation Scheme?
(2.) Does he know that exception is taken to this scheme on the ground that it will affect the navigation of the Murray; and, assuming this to be the case, will he enter a protest against the work being commenced?

Sir John See answered,—The Honorable Member is referred to the replies given to Questions on the same subject asked by Mr. Carruthers.

(17.) Land Resumed at Grafton for Railway Purposes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What area, if any, of land has been resumed at Grafton for railway station purposes; what are the names of the owners of such land; and what amount in the shape of compensation has been paid to each individual owner?

Mr. Perry answered,—Approximately 54 acres of land have been resumed, and there are 100 claimants, whose names can be given in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way. No compensation has yet been awarded.

(18.) Defamation Law:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware of the fact that, by the recent decision in the case of William Allan O'Shea *versus* the Australian Newspaper Company, it is held that the publication of newspaper reports of magisterial proceedings, even though same were injurious to the character of the plaintiff, were privileged?
(2.) Is he also aware that by a recent decision at Cooma, in an action brought against a local newspaper by a medical man, it was held that a faithful report, without comment, of the proceedings of a hospital committee meeting were not privileged, a verdict for £100 damages being cast against the defendant newspaper?
(3.) In view of the anomalies at present existing in connection with the administration of the defamation law, will he at once proceed with the long-promised Amending Bill, and thus bring the law more into conformity with that which operates in Great Britain?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1 and 2.) These questions relate to litigation between private persons, about which I have no official knowledge.
(3.) I have already stated that an effort will be made to reintroduce the Bill of last Session to amend the law of libel.

2. Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from John Bower, President, Matthew Charlton, Treasurer, and James Curley, Secretary, of the Colliery Employees Federation, Northern District, New South Wales, representing that a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly; that such a measure is essential in the interests of persons engaged in coal mines; that the method of payment for, and of weighing coal has long been a source of discontent; that the Bill will provide a much needed remedy for the more equitable weighing of miners' coal; and praying the House to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.

3. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. Papers:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Summary of information respecting, and photographic views of, the proposed Federal Capital Sites.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(2.) Papers respecting Major R. Lenehan, late of Bushveldt Carbineers.
Ordered to be printed.

5. Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 121, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2), which dropped on Tuesday, 9th September, 1902, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

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6. Legal Practitioners Bill:—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 121, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Legal Practitioners Bill, which dropped on Tuesday, 9th September, 1902, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

7. Whitney Estate Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the trustees of the will of the late William Franklin Whitney to sell, give credit on sales, mortgage, partition, divide, exchange, lease, grant mining leases, make applications under the Mining on Private Lands Acts, and make applications to bring land under the Real Property Act; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
Mr. President,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of the will of the late William Franklin Whitney to sell, give credit on sales, mortgage, partition, divide, exchange, lease, grant mining leases, make applications under the Mining on Private Lands Acts, and make applications to bring land under the Real Property Act; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10*th September*, 1902.

8. Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

9. Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 53.			Noes, 15.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Nobbs,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. D. R. Hall.	Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Pyers,	*Tellers,*	*Tellers,*
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Thomson,		
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Sullivan.	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. J. F. Smith,		
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Byrne,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
Mr. President,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works in connection with the Tuckian Flood Escape Scheme, with the object of providing for the better discharge of flood-waters from the Richmond River; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10*th September*, 1902.

10. Municipal Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

11. Adjournment:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Government Railways (Fencing) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 131.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments amending section eighty-four of the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fencing along certain lines of railway; and the enactments permitting the construction of certain lines of railway on, along, or by the side of public roads*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11*th September*, 1902.

(2.) Fines and Forfeited Recognizances Recovery Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 132.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Statutes relating to the recovery of fines imposed by Courts of Quarter Sessions, the Sheriff, or Coroners, and of recognizances before such Courts, or before Justices of the Peace*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11*th September*, 1902.

(3.) Vagrancy Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 133.
Governor.

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

State Government House,
Sydney, 11*th September*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Unclaimed Moneys in the Treasury:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of unclaimed moneys in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is presumed the Honorable Member wishes to know the amount of unclaimed moneys held available for possible claimants. If so, the amount, as on 30th June last, was as follows:—Unclaimed Moneys Account, £3,131 19s. 3d.; Testamentary and Trust Fund Account, £185 10s. 10d.; seamen's wages (unclaimed), £136 17s. 3d.; Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund, £8,504 7s. 8d.; bankruptcy unclaimed balances, £1,318 6s. 4d.; unclaimed dividends under Companies Act, £34 7s. 5d.; total, £13,311 8s. 9d.

(2.)

(2.) Life-saving Appliances on Steamers:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that many steamers are employed in Sydney Harbour carrying workmen to and from their work, and that on many of these vessels there are not sufficient life-saving appliances for even the crew aboard?
(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made and put the law in motion, and so prevent any imminent catastrophe?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Superintendent of Navigation is aware that there are a few small steamers in Sydney Harbour carrying workmen to and from their work which do not hold certificates and do not comply with the law regarding life-saving appliances. He has this matter under his consideration with a view to compelling the owners to comply with the law, but the difficulty in dealing with these cases is by reason of the decision of the Supreme Court—that unless the vessels carry passengers—that is, persons who pay fares—the provisions of the Navigation Act are not applicable. The workmen themselves do not pay fares, but it is thought that the owner of the vessel receives a lump sum of money for their conveyance under a hiring agreement. There is a difficulty in obtaining evidence of this hiring agreement, but steps will shortly be taken to test the matter in Court.

(3.) Unclaimed Balances in Banks:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount of unclaimed balances in the hands of the different banks in the city?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I regret to say I have no means of obtaining the information the Honorable Member desires.

(4.) Day Labour on Works, Northern Coast:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What harbour and river entrance works on the Northern Coast are carried out by day labour?
(2.) The rates of wages paid in each case?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Tweed River, Richmond River, Clarence River, Macleay River, Manning River, Newcastle Harbour.
(2.) I will presently lay on the Table a statement showing rates paid.

(5.) Proposed North Shore Bridge:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the proposed North Shore bridge?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Yes; if moved for in the usual way there will be no opposition.

(6.) Spanish Interpreter Employed by the Government:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government employ a Spanish interpreter; if so, what salary is he paid; and is he allowed to hold classes upon terms and fees for his own benefit, and thus come into competition with teachers who rely on it for a living?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that a Spanish interpreter is employed, when required, by the Government, who receives fees only for his attendance at a Court. He has, of course, the right to hold classes and to charge such fees as he thinks fit, and the pupils choose to pay.

(7.) Crown Prosecutor, Central Criminal Court:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Who is the Crown Prosecutor at the Central Criminal Court, what is his salary, the total number of days employed during the past two years, and is he entitled to practice privately?
(2.) Will he consider whether it would be better to pay the Crown Prosecutor for each case instead of permanently retaining him at a fixed salary?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) Mr. C. G. Wade, salary £950 per annum. During the last two years he has prosecuted in Court on 116 days. In addition he has, during the time named, marked depositions in 530 cases. He is allowed to practise privately.
(2.) This would certainly be better for the Crown Prosecutor, but would not for the State, as the figures given in the previous answer show.

(8.) Women's Franchise:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What provision is being made for the enrolment of females entitled to vote in this State?
(2.) If women so qualified apply to the Electoral Registrar, will the issue of rights be made as in the case of the male electors?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Steps are now being taken to effect the enrolment of females entitled to vote in this State.
(2.) Yes. I am going to expedite this matter in every way possible.

(9.) Woolsheds at Wantabadgery and Clariss Park:—Mr. Barnes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to an article appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, stating that a woolshed at Wantabadgery, and also at Clariss Park, had been maliciously set fire to?
(2.) If so, will he cause an inquiry to be made, and if proved to have been done maliciously, will he cause a reward to be offered for the conviction of the culprit?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that a report has been received of an attempt to burn the woolshed at Wantabadgery; but as yet no official report has been received regarding attempt at Clariss Park. Inquiries have been made to ascertain if the Coroner will hold an inquest; upon the result further action will depend.

3. PAPER:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Rate of Wages paid on Harbour and River Entrance Works on the Northern Coast carried out by day labour.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. Duties on, and Carriage of, Articles of Fodder (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Reymond moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The amount of money paid as duties on articles of fodder imported into New South Wales from the 1st of March to the 31st of August, 1902.
(2.) The amount received by the Railway Commissioners for the carriage of articles of fodder during the same period.
(3.) The amount which would have been received by the Railway Commissioners for the carriage of articles of fodder during the same period had the usual rates been charged and no concessions made.
(4.) The difference between the amount received for carriage and the amount which would have been received had no concessions been made.
Question put and passed.

5. Wine Adulteration Bill :—On motion of Sir John See, the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages, discharged.

6. Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam) Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half-a-mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half-a-mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 11*th September*, 1902.

7. Poisons Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Price, pursuant to leave granted on 27th August, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Poisons Act and such other Statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. Municipal Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 12 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, a.m.

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

9. Adjournment :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Noxious Trades Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 134.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the carrying on of noxious trades*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
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Sydney, 15*th September*, 1902.

(2.) Public Loans Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 135.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to Public Loans*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
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(3.) Inscribed Stock Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 136.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts authorising the creation and issue of Inscribed Stock, and making provisions auxiliary thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
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(4.) Balranald Irrigation Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 137.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the conservation and utilization of water for irrigation for the municipality of Balranald*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
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(5.) Fire Brigades Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 138.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to making provision for the protection of life and property from fire.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(6.) Smoke Nuisance Abatement Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 139.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments for abating the nuisance arising from the smoke of furnaces,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Treasury Bills :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of interest accrued on Treasury Bills, 63 Vic. No. 46, on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Payable 1st August, 1902, £7,291 13s. 4d.; payable 1st September, 1902, £19,166 13s. 4d.; payable 1st November, 1902, £2,916 13s. 4d.; payable 1st December, 1902, £1,458 6s. 8d.; total, £30,833 6s. 8d.

(2.) Official Law Reporters :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the official law reporters?

(2.) What amount is paid by the Government towards law reporting, and to whom is it paid and in what amounts?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies :—

(1.) There is only one official law reporter, viz., Mr. R. K. Manning.

(2.) £150 per annum is paid to Mr. Manning for reporting proceedings of the Bankruptcy and Probate Courts.

(3.) Mr. Milner Stephen, Barrister-at-law :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was Mr. Milner Stephen, barrister-at-law, in any way employed in the consolidation of the Statutes; if so, in what capacity, and what was the total amount of fees paid him?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that Mr. Milner Stephen was not employed in the consolidation of the Statutes. He was, however, engaged to index Statutes passed during the Sessions of 1899, 1900, and 1901.

(4.) Bubonic Plague :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In answer to Dr. Ross' Question No. 6 of the 3rd September, in which the Chief Medical Officer of the Government, in replying to sub-Question 4, states "that there are seventeen "men at present employed in the Metropolitan District to aid in the destruction of rats and the "suppression of bubonic plague—a foreman at 12s. per day and sixteen men at 8s. per day, and "that the Sydney Corporation employ five men on the destruction of rats at wages 49s. each per "week," will he state the number of days, weeks, or months that these men have been employed, and the number of rats each has killed per week during the time they have been employed, and the total amount of money that has been paid to these rat-killers out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

(2.) Will he obtain from the Chief Medical Officer of the Government a report as to the exact difference, if any, between a rat that is affected with plague and one that is not?

(3.) The number of tins, packages, pounds, or hundred-weight of poison and disinfectants that have been distributed for the destruction of rats during the bubonic plague scare, and cost of the same?

(4.) Is it not held as possible and probable that much inconvenience and great danger often arise to public health through the destruction of rats by poison when left to decay and decompose in dwellings and outhouses?

(5.) Will he consider whether the Sydney Corporation should be compelled to kill the rats, the same as settlers in the interior have to do with the rabbit pest?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The President of the Board of Health informs me that the rat-staff was formed 17th November, 1901; it has consisted of a variable number of men from time to time according to need, never exceeding seventeen; each man has brought in an average number of forty rats per week from selected neighbourhoods for examination in the laboratories; the rats are not always killed by the rat-staff; the total cost of the rat-staff to date has been about £1,877. The Sydney Corporation has employed two men for forty-two weeks, and three men for thirty weeks, in the destruction of rats. The weekly average of rats trapped by each of these men has been twenty-eight.

(2.) The difference between a rat affected by plague and one that is not so affected is that the former teems with the bacilli, which are the essential cause of plague.

(3.)

(3.) About £350 has been expended by the Board of Health in the purchase and distribution of small packages of poison. The following have been distributed by the Sydney Corporation:—Phenol, 1,040 gallons; cost, £104. Lime, 7 tons; cost, £104. Poison, 2½ tons; cost, £220.
(4.) No.
(5.) The Corporation of the City of Sydney does kill rats within the boundaries of its district. I have already explained that the use of the rat-staff is not to kill rats but to collect them, so that their condition in different neighbourhoods as to infection with plague may be examined.

(5.) Angel-place, off Pitt and Hunter Streets:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware of the present disgraceful state of Angel-place, which is a veritable quagmire?
(2.) If so, will he take immediate steps to have this thoroughfare placed in repair, as it is a Government road, not under the City Council's control, and is used by the citizens for access from Pitt-street to George-street between Hunter-street and Martin-place?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) I am not aware.
(2.) Steps will be taken to ascertain if the Government is responsible for the condition of the thoroughfare alluded to.

(6.) Railway Employees:—Mr. Eden George asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that numbers of the permanent and casual hands employed on the Darling Harbour railway, in the goods-shed at Redfern, are working nine hours per day, and many receiving only 6s. per day, among them being a number of married men?
(2.) Will he advise the Railway Commissioners to adopt the eight-hour system and the minimum wage of 7s. per day?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the men concerned have already made representations to the Commissioners, and the whole matter is engaging their attention. They hope to be able to do something to improve the conditions of employment.

(7.) Lighting of Hyde Park:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that on certain nights in each month—supposed to be moonlight, but frequently the reverse—the lamps in Hyde Park are not lighted?
(2.) Will he give instructions that the lamps in the park, like those in the public streets, be lit on every night in the year?

Sir John See answered,—There are three exemption nights per month, I understand, as regards the parks, and also that this general arrangement obtains throughout the city with certain exceptions.

(8.) Police Quarters at Gundagai:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Barnes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the small accommodation available in the police quarters at Gundagai, will he have the money voted for repairs and additions to same included in the next Estimates, with a view to having the necessary alterations and additions carried out?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—If the Vote to be taken on the current year's Revenue Estimates for repairs to public buildings will admit of this work being carried out, I shall give the necessary instructions for it to be done when the Estimates are passed, but I must remind the Honorable Member that the maintenance votes of my Department are taxed to their utmost extent to keep pace with constant and, I admit, necessary demands for repairs, renovations, and additions to the various public buildings of the State.

(9.) Mr. John Forster's Conditional Purchase, Walgett District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) How long is it since one Mr. Jonathan Forster, in the Walgett District, applied for an additional area to his present conditional purchase, and what is the cause of the delay in allowing him to take up the land he has applied for in the proposed exchange of land that has frequently been reported would be thrown open for settlement at an early date?
(2.) Can he furnish any definite statement as to when the proposed exchange of land in the Walgett District is likely to be completed, so that Mr. Forster may be enabled to increase the area of his holding?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Application was made on the 13th September, 1900, that provision might be made to enable Mr. Forster to extend his holding, but as the land he wished to acquire was proposed for surrender under the Warragan exchange, consideration of the matter had to await the completion of the exchange.
(2.) The Warragan surrender lands are now vested in the Crown, and action with a view to their disposal is proceeding.

(10.) Supply of Artesian Water to Settlers on Alumbie Holding, Walgett District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) As some months ago a good supply of artesian water was tapped on Alumbie Holding in Walgett Land District for the use of some twelve or fourteen homestead selectors who occupy and have settled on the said holding, and who were assured that tenders would be invited for distributing channels to convey the water to the settlers' blocks, can he furnish any reason why tenders have not been accepted for carrying out these necessary works that have been promised?
(2.) Will the Department see that the necessary steps are again taken to call for tenders for carrying out the work and cutting the necessary water channels, so that these settlers may be in a position to make use of the water for irrigation and other purposes, especially the growth of lucerne, seeing that the work is estimated to cost the small sum of £250?

(3.)

(3.) Is he aware on these homestead selections they are without tanks and relying on the promise of the Department that a channel would be constructed for conveying the water from the artesian bore to their holdings, and that the delay of carrying out such work is proving a serious loss and inconvenience to such settlers; and will he, therefore, take steps to expedite the matter as speedily as possible and without further delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Tenders for construction of these drains closed on 28th July, but as no Vote was available to which the cost could be defrayed, the matter had of necessity to be held over pending the passing of the Water and Drainage Bill. Everything is now in readiness for proceeding with the work immediately funds are provided by Parliament.

(11.) Free Passes on Government Tramways:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he be good enough to state the number of free passes at present in use on Government tramways, the names of holders thereof, and the object for which such passes are granted?

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

(12.) Quarantining of Imported Sheep:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Will the proclamation issued on Tuesday, 9th September, in relation to the quarantining of sheep imported into New South Wales affect the importation of sheep from New Zealand?
(2.) Is he aware of the fact that the proclamation alluded to states that sheep introduced from Great Britain are to be subjected to thirty days' quarantining, and from other parts than Great Britain to sixty days' quarantining?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) No. Under the Stock Act, 1901, Part IV, Imported Stock, "Australian States" is defined as including New Zealand for the purposes of that Act.
(2.) The period—thirty days' quarantine for sheep from the United Kingdom—has been in force for some years; the regulations now published are a reissue under the Stock Act, 1901, Part IV.

(13.) Constable Giles, Police Office:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What position does Mr. Giles hold in the Police Office?
(2.) When did he join the police?
(3.) What was the date of his first promotion; the like as to his last promotion?
(4.) What is his rank now, and what are his duties?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that there is no officer of this name in the Police Department.

(14.) Inspector Roche:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he consider whether it would not be better, in the interests of the public, that Inspector Roche be put back into plain clothes amongst the detectives, in a rank equal to his present, doing criminal work, than parading the streets in uniform with a whip in his hand?
(2.) What increase has he received in salary?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—
(1.) Sub-Inspector Roche was entitled to promotion to the rank of Sub-Inspector, which he earnestly desired to attain, and he is equally useful to the Department in his present position.
(2.) None.

(15.) Police Protection, Surry Hills South:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—As it is the intention of the Government to appoint police officers for the additional protection of the city and suburbs, and in view of the many complaints that have been furnished from Surry Hills South, particularly in the neighbourhood of Cleveland-street and Moore Park, as to disturbances frequently occurring, and which citizens are often afraid to report to the police, will he make provision for additional police protection in this district when the new appointments are made?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that some additional police are being provided for duty in the city and suburbs. The locality referred to by the Honorable Member is constantly patrolled by police, and receives as much police attention as any other part. The inspector in charge reports that it is remarkably orderly.

(16.) Tramcars running between Randwick-road and Railway Station:—*Mr. Cohen*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In view of the very unsatisfactory condition of the tramcars running between Randwick-road and the Railway Station, *via* Cleveland-street, owing to the clouds of dust through which these trams have to pass, by reason of the condition of Cleveland and Castlereagh Streets, making them veritable dust-bins, unfit for passengers to occupy, will he make such representations to the tramway authorities as will cause them, in the interest of the travelling public, to take steps to minimise the condition of things as at present existing?
(2.) As Cleveland-street is the division between the Borough of Redfern and the Municipality of Sydney, and is commonly known as "No Man's Land," receiving very little, if any, attention at the hands of these bodies, will he have the goodness to regard this as a matter of urgency, at least so far as that portion of the street is concerned which is occupied by the tramlines, by having the watering better attended to?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Railway Commissioners recognise that the dust nuisance is at present rather acute, not only in Cleveland-street but through the city, and it has not been practicable to give relief owing to the stoppage of the water supply for street watering. The Commissioners, however, have been in communication with the City Council on the matter, with a view to the provision of sea-water for the purpose.

(17.) Weirs across the Nepean River at Mulgoa and Blaxland:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the weir be started which he promised to erect across the Nepean River at Mulgoa?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of the weir across the Nepean River at Blaxland?

(3.) What distance will the weir throw the water back when it is erected?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) This weir cannot be constructed until funds are available under the new Water and Drainage Bill.

(2.) The estimated cost is £200.

(3.) The water would be thrown back for about 5 miles.

3. Totalizator Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the proposal to legalise gambling; that the introduction of the Totalizator would result in an increase of betting and the demoralisation of our youth; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may not become law,—

(1.) By Mr. Hogue,—From Citizens Church Members of Society, &c.

(2.) By Mr. Jessep,—From the Evangelical Council of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

4. Papers:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land, for erection of Tram-car Shed at Rozelle Bay.

(2.) Correspondence respecting the retirement of Mr. George Lynn Little from the Public Service.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday next.

(3.) Servants Registry Bill: second reading. [*Mr. Anderson*];—until Tuesday, 7th October.

6. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Botany, Mr. Dacey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "To "call attention to the action of the Crown Law Officers in the case of Hannah *v.* Drake."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Dight, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Levy, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Millard, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read the following letter from him:—

"Dear Mr. Webb, Ranelagh, 17 September.

"I regret to say I am confined to my bed with an attack of pleurisy. I trust the House "will excuse my absence this evening.

"Yours truly,
"W. McCOURT.

"F. W. Webb, Esquire, C.M.G., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly."

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. WHITNEY ESTATE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* *Message No.* 140.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the trustees of the will of the late William Franklin Whitney to sell, give credit on sales, mortgage, partition, divide, exchange, lease, grant mining leases, make applications under the Mining on Private Lands Acts, and make applications to bring land under the Real Property Act; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sand-bag Weir across the Nepean River, Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Sand Bag weir across the Nepean River at Penrith, as proposed by the Member for The Nepean, has had the effect of raising the water in the Nepean River at Penrith 4 feet higher than its height before the weir was erected?

(2.) What distance from the weir has the water risen, and at what height is the water above the ordinary level at the entrance to the Warragamba River, 10 miles from the weir?

(3.) Is it a fact that through the weir being erected across the river at Penrith the water has risen from 3 to 4 feet 15 miles from the weir up the Warragamba River?

(4.) What quantity of water is estimated to be in the Nepean River from Penrith to the falls 10 miles above the junction of the Warragamba and Nepean rivers?

(5.) What quantity of water was estimated to be in the above rivers before the weir was erected?

(6.) What quantity of pure water is passing over the weir, and running to waste every day?

(7.) What was the cost of the weir across the Nepean at Penrith?

(8.) Is it a fact that there is passing over the weir at Penrith enough pure water to supply the city and suburbs for years?
(9.) Will he make arrangements for 20,000,000 gallons per day to be pumped from the Nepean River at Penrith to Sydney?
(10.) Is it a fact that, on account of the stagnation in the reservoir at Prospect, the water from the Nepean is purer than the water from Prospect reservoir?
(11.) Will he make arrangements for the water from the Nepean River to be pumped direct to the Crown-street reservoir, so that it will not mix with the stagnated water at Prospect reservoir?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The Sand Bag dam has raised the river level 4 feet.
(2.) About 12 miles; 3 feet above ordinary level.
(3.) About 12 miles above Penrith.
(4.) 1,900 million gallons.
(5.) 1,300 million gallons.
(6.) About 50 million gallons per day.
(7.) £400.
(8.) The flow of the river without larger storage is not sufficient for the supply of Sydney.
(9.) It is considered that the pumping plant to be installed, of 8 million gallons per day capacity, is sufficient for present contingencies.
(10.) The water in Prospect reservoir is of equal purity to that in the Nepean at Penrith.
(11.) It is not considered necessary to do so.

(2.) Men Employed on New Entrance Works, Macleay River:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that during the five weeks ending 6th September instant, the men employed at the new entrance works, Macleay River, had not been paid any wages?
(2.) If so, what has been the cause of delay?
(3.) Is it a fact that the men on these works receive a lower wage than those on the Clarence and Richmond Harbour works; and, if so, why?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Owing to some delay at the Treasury in making the necessary refunds, the local officer was unable to draw these wages cheques as quickly as usual.
(3.) No.

(3.) Garbage Tip, Ocean and Wellington Streets:—Mr. Carroll asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a garbage tip has been lately established in the Borough of Waverley, between Ocean and Wellington Streets?
(2.) How many dwellings are within 150 yards of the tip?
(3.) Was such garbage tip approved by the Board of Health?
(4.) Is one of the objects, in forming this tip, to provide a roadway between Ocean and Wellington Streets?
(5.) Is he aware the practice of forming roadways over garbage tips in England has been condemned by high authorities in that land?
(6.) Will he inquire whether human health would be prejudiced by persons passing to and fro over a roadway composed of house refuse and sand?
(7.) Did not the Health Board prohibit the building of dwellings on land which was at one time used as garbage tips; if so, was it not done to conserve the public health?
(8.) Will he obtain an explanation from the Board of Health as to the difference in persons passing to and fro over a garbage tip and locating thereon, having a regard to the preservation of health?
(9.) Did not Professor Anderson Stuart, now of the Health Board, recommend a covering of not less than 1 ft. 6 in. over garbage some years ago?
(10.) Did not Dr. Stokes, one of the officers of the Health Department, recommend a covering of the garbage at the tip in question to the extent of 6 inches?
(11.) Has not some of this tip been washed away to a creek 200 yards away?
(12.) Do not dairies almost abut this creek?
(13.) Are not dwellings also abutting this creek?
(14.) Is there not a public place of worship abutting this creek?
(15.) Is he aware that it has been proved in England that soluble organic matter cannot be permanently retained in sand?

Sir John See answered,—The facts are generally as implied in the Question. The Medical Officers of Health to the Borough of Waverley have repeatedly advised the Local Authority as to the steps it should take to abate the nuisance the tip has caused; and the Board of Health, having made inquiry in consequence of direct appeals to it received from ratepayers, was informed by the Local Authority, on the 12th instant, that the advice had been taken and the nuisance abated. The Board is reluctant to interfere unnecessarily with elected Local Authorities exercising powers and duties conferred on them by Statute; but should the measures taken in this case prove ineffectual, it will require the Local Authority to do what it considers necessary to protect the public health.

(4.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Cannot more expeditious means be adopted for old-age pensions to be paid in localities remote from the larger centre in country districts to obviate the necessity of aged and infirm persons travelling many miles to receive the pensions?
(2.) Can it be so arranged that recipients may be paid in postal notes at the nearest post office to their abode, or at such other office as they indicate, or will the bank entrusted with payment be instructed to post such notes to address indicated by pensioner?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The principle of the Old-age Pensions Act is payment on personal application. Pensions can be paid at any Money Order Office. At present, pensions are paid at five hundred and thirty centres. Warrants for payment to persons other than pensioners can be granted where pensioners show that they are unable to attend for payment. In the present state of the law, greater facilities cannot be given. It is proposed in the Amendment Bill to provide for other modes of payment.

(2.) It is not allowable under the Act to pay pensions in the manner suggested. Experience proves that where the principle of personal application is departed from, numerous irregularities and attempts at fraud arise.

(5.) Public Works referred for Report to Public Works Committee:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of public works that has been referred for report to the Public Works Committee?

(2.) The number that has been previously reported on?

(3.) The number that has been rejected?

(4.) The number that still remains to be reported on?

(5.) Can he furnish this House with any information or any estimate of the amount of money that will in future be required to carry out and complete such public works that are about to be started and those that have received the sanction of Parliament?

(6.) What amount of loan money, if any, has the Government now on hand to carry on the completion of old and new public works that have received the sanction of Parliament or about to be proposed by the present Government?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information will be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Public Works for which Parliament has Voted Money:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Can he furnish this House with any information as to the number of public works for which Parliament has voted money, and which are now under construction, and the amount expended on each respectively up to date, and the amounts that will be required to complete the same?

(2.) The nature of, and where such works are situated?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information will be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(7.) All-night Trams:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state what are the total average earnings of the all-night trams?

(2.) Is it a fact that the earnings are between £7 to £8 per night, viz.:—on the Balmain line, £1 13s. 4d.; on the Leichhardt line, £1 10s. 6d.; on the Newtown line, £2 10s. 10d.; and on the Waverley line, £1 13s. 8d.?

(3.) Will he state what the cost in wages, cleaning, wear and tear, &c., amounts to in the running of these all-night trams, and the number of men employed?

(4.) Are the men so employed paid anything extra for doing nightwork; if so, how much; and what is the number of hours each are employed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the average earnings are as stated by the Honorable Member.

(3.) It is not practicable to give the exact cost, including wages, cleaning, and wear and tear, but calculated on the average cost per tram mile the expenditure would be £11 13s. 4d. per night. The number of men employed in running the trams is 8, in addition to the cleaning staff.

(4.) The men so employed are not paid extra for doing night duty, but are engaged for a shorter period than the day staff.

(8.) Molong Cottage Hospital:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long is it since the Molong Cottage Hospital was first established and opened for the treatment of patients?

(2.) Before the institution was erected, were the plans of the building, in reference to sanitary conditions and in other respects, submitted for the approval of the Public Health Board in Sydney; if so, was the erection of the buildings proceeded with, according to the plans submitted on the recommendation of the Public Health Board?

(3.) Is it a fact that one of the paid medical officers of that institution, viz., James Reiach, M.B., sent in a written report, which was read at the last Hospital Committee meeting held on 1st September last, to the following effect:—"That the hospital sanitary and other arrangements are "defective and dangerous to health, and that a supply of more modern instruments and an operating "room are required"?

(4.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to instruct the President of the Public Health Board to proceed to Molong to inspect and report on the alleged insanitary defects of this public institution?

(5.) In the event of such Health Officer's report being unfavourable, will he see that a sufficient sum of money, not exceeding £5,000, is placed on the present year's Estimates for the erection of a suitable and palacious hospital?

Sir John See answered,—Plans for the erection of a hospital at Molong were submitted in July, 1886, and were condemned *in toto* by the Medical Adviser to the Government. I am not aware of the report referred to, but if the Honorable Member will furnish me with a copy, I will direct inquiry into the matter.

(9.)

(9.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total amount held by the Government (*a*) of contributions to the Superannuation Fund by Civil Servants who have retired from such fund; and (*b*) of interest which has accrued thereon?
(2.) Is it intended to introduce such legislation as will enable the above contributions to be refunded?
(3.) If the matter has not yet received consideration, will he give it his early attention?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I regret to say it is impossible to furnish this information. It may, however, be stated that the balance now at credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund is £83,249 11s. 11d.
(2 and 3.) I propose to refer to these matters when making my exposition of the finances.

(10.) Travelling Stock Routes and Camping Reserves:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to have all travelling stock routes and camping reserves withdrawn from lease; if so, when?

Mr. Bennett answered,—This is a matter which will be dealt with by new legislation.

(11.) Land Exchanges:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that a number of applications for exchanges are being presented to the Courts, wherein the lands involved are not situated on the one holding?
(2. In view of the Cabinet minute of last year, which disallows all exchanges other than of land on same holding, will he instruct all applicants for exchanges on separate holdings, or land districts, that such applications are futile, and thus save them incurring unnecessary expense?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) Yes; unless the Department has, before the date of the Cabinet Minute, been committed to allow the cases to proceed.

(12.) Salaries of Judges:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—As it is understood that the Government are now addressing themselves seriously to the question of retrenchment in State expenditure, and also in view of the fact that it is imperative in the public interest that an earnest effort should be made in that direction, will the Government consider the advisableness of introducing legislation to reduce the salaries of Judges, both on the Supreme and District Court Benches, as the salaries paid to our Judges are far in excess of those paid elsewhere, the Chief Justice of the United States receiving only £2,000 per annum, whereas the Chief Justice of this State is paid £3,500 per annum?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is my intention to bring the matter of Judges receiving such high salaries and also pensions under the notice of the Cabinet at an early date, with a view to having substantial reductions in salaries made in future appointments, as I have long been of opinion that the Judges' salaries were much too high.

(13.) Meat Unfit for Human Consumption:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that at a meeting of the Master Butchers' and Live Stock Buyers' Association, held on Thursday, the 11th September, a statement was made to the effect that two-thirds of the meat brought into Sydney was unfit for human consumption, and that serious illness had arisen therefrom?
(2.) Will he give instructions to the Board of Health to exercise strict supervision at the Abattoirs, and also, with the view of further safeguarding the public health, that stricter supervision be maintained at the sale-yards at Flemington, as it was clear from statements made that stock was being sold that was not fit for human consumption?

Sir John See answered,—All cattle reaching the sale-yards are regularly and efficiently inspected by the Chief Veterinary Inspector to the Board of Health; unfit cattle are there weeded out. There is no ground for any statement which may have been made that meat unfit for consumption is allowed to leave the abattoir at Glebe Island; the strictest supervision is habitually maintained and has not infrequently been complained of as being too strict. These precautions will not be relaxed.

(14.) Bent-street Waiting-room:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners intend to close the Bent-street waiting-room?
(2.) If so, before final steps are taken, will the Railway Commissioners stay their hand till such time as a deputation of citizens can wait upon them to show reasons why the waiting-room should not be closed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed it is intended to close the room referred to, and a saving of about £350 per annum will be made.
(2.) The Commissioners do not think the use made of the room justifies the expenditure, and it will be less useful with the altered terminal tramway arrangements.

(15.) Resumptions at Darling Harbour, The Rocks, and Devonshire-street Cemetery, &c.:—*Mr. Levy*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he intend to lay upon the Table of this House the papers moved for by Mr. Affleck, and ordered by this House on the 19th August, in reference to the resumption, expenditure on, and other particulars in connection with Darling Harbour, The Rocks, Devonshire-street Cemetery, Convent, and other lands and buildings?

Sir John See answered,—This return is in course of preparation, and will probably be laid upon the Table next week.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from members of the Society of Friends, commonly called "Quakers," representing that Petitioners view with alarm the proposal to legalise gambling; that the introduction of the Totalizator would result in an increase of betting and the demoralisation of our youth; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may not become law.
Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return of Free Tramway Passes, other than Parliamentary and Departmental, now current.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the completion of the Botany-road Stormwater Channel.
(2.) Report of the completion of the Mosman Sewerage, Second Division—Aqueduct over head of Mosman's Bay.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) *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.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE—PAPERS REFERRED:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order, "Dismissal of Claude Solomon, late Staff Paymaster, Military "Forces," and the Return to Order, "Dismissal of John Ernest Humphries, late clerk, Botanic "Gardens," which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th September, 1902, and referred to the Printing Committee, and reported upon on 10th September, 1902, be again referred to the Printing Committee for further consideration.
Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The damaging reflections cast upon this House by some of its Members in an "interview with a reporter of a Sunday newspaper."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Newcastle Sewerage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of* 1892, *and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 17*th September*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Acts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers for the investment of the funds of the Australian Mutual Provident Society by authorising the expenditure and investment of such funds as to the Board of Directors may seem fit, subject, however, to the by-laws for the time being of the said Society, in any one or more of the modes thereinafter specified,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashton, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(3.) Water and Drainage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the annual expenditure of* £200,000, *for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds* £5,000; *and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 17*th September*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

WATER

WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th September, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "where the cost exceeds £5,000" *insert* "in certain cases"
Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *Omit* "and"
Page 2, clause 2, line 4. *After* "sewerage" *insert* "and another officer of the Public Works "Department to act as executive member of the Board"
Page 2, clause 2, lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "as to any work or undertaking affecting" *insert* "including "where any work affects"
Page 2, clause 2, line 7. *Omit* "shall be members of such Board"
Page 2, clause 2, line 16. *After* "work" second occurring *insert* "of water supply, water "conservation, or irrigation, or of drainage"
Page 2, clause 2. *After* line 23 *insert* "'Western Division' has the same meaning as in the Crown "Lands Act of 1884"
Page 3, clause 3, line 22. *Omit* "Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879" *insert* "Audit Act, "1902"
Page 4, clause 5. At end of clause *add* "Provided that the Minister shall, before carrying out any "such works where the estimated cost exceeds five hundred pounds, refer the proposal to "the Board and obtain their report and approval thereon."
Page 4, line 4. *Add* "s" to "trust"
Page 4, clause 6, line 6. *Omit* "to" *insert* "of"
Page 4, clause 6, line 7. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"
Page 4, clause 6, line 7. *After* "notify" *insert* "in the Gazette and in some newspaper circulating "in the district affected by such works"
Page 4, line 10. *Omit* "Constitution of trusts where works cost five thousand pounds or more"
Page 4, clause 7, line 19. *Omit* "payable on such cost" *insert* "and shall be paid by the trust "on the actual cost or on the estimated cost plus ten per centum whichever is the lesser "sum"
Page 4, clause 7, line 23. *Omit* "and"
Page 4, clause 7, line 24. *Omit* "not less than" *insert* "either"
Page 4, clause 7, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "nor more than" *insert* "or"
Page 4, clause 7. At end of clause *add* "(h) the number of years within which the cost of the "work shall be extinguished by a sinking fund"
Page 4, clause 8, line 28. *After* "selectors" *insert* "conditional lessees"
Page 5, clause 9, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "upon the recommendation of the Minister"
Page 5, clause 11. *Omit* clause 11, *insert* the following new clause:—

Works of water supply, &c., already commenced may be completed.

(1) The Minister may, out of the said funds, complete any works of water supply, water conservation or irrigation, or of drainage under construction at the commencement of this Act.

Trusts may be constituted in respect of such works and of any already constructed.

(2) The Minister may notify proposals for the completion of any such work and for the constitution of a trust in respect thereof, and may notify proposals for the constitution of a trust in respect of any such work constructed and under his immediate control at the commencement of this Act, and in any such case the provisions of sections seven, eight, and nine shall be applicable mutatis mutandis.

Page 5, clause 12, line 37. *Omit* "1896" *insert* "1902"
Page 6, clause 13, line 12. *Omit* "hereafter"
Page 6, clause 13, line 13. *Omit* "limited in operation to" *insert* "conferred solely upon"
Page 6, clause 13, line 14. *After* "Minister" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "and the interest "and charges payable by the trust shall commence to run"
Page 6, clause 14, line 17. *After* "lands" *insert* "including homestead selectors, conditional "lessees, and settlement lessees"
Page 6, clause 14, line 22. *Omit* "may be" *insert* "ought to be refused or"
Page 6, clause 14, lines 23 and 24. *Omit* "or may recommend the refusal of the petition"
Page 6, clause 15, line 33. *After* "1901" *insert* "or any Act amending the same"
Page 6, clause 15, line 39. *Omit* "four or"
Page 7, clause 17, line 10. *After* "election" *omit* remainder of clause.
Page 7, clause 18, line 14. *After* "trustees" *insert* "and revised in the prescribed manner by the "police magistrate having jurisdiction in the district before whom any person aggrieved "by the omission or addition of the name of any person may appear and be heard"
Page 7, clause 18, line 16. *After* "election" *omit* remainder of clause.
Page 7. *After* clause 18, *insert* the following new clause:—

Cumulative voting:

Persons on the roll shall be entitled to vote in the manner following, that is to say:—

(a) In the case of a trust placed in charge of drainage work or irrigation works, the occupier of an area of land not exceeding fifty acres shall be entitled to one vote; of an area exceeding fifty acres but not exceeding three hundred acres, to two votes; and of an area exceeding three hundred acres, to three votes.

(b) In the case of a trust in charge of water supplies for domestic and stock purposes, the occupier of an area of land not exceeding two thousand acres shall have one vote; the occupier of more than two thousand acres but not more than ten thousand acres, two votes; and the occupier of more than ten thousand acres, three votes.

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Page 7, clause 24, line 41. *After* "rates" *insert* "to provide"
Page 7, clause 24, line 42. *Omit* "shall provide"
Page 8, clause 24, line 3. *After* "fund" *insert* "and all sums received on account of any such "sinking fund shall be carried by the Colonial Treasurer to a special account to be "entitled 'The Water and Drainage Loan Redemption Fund,' and all other sums to the "Consolidated Revenue Fund"
Page 8, clause 26, line 16. *After* "rates" *insert* "upon the whole of the lands"
Page 9, clause 26. At end of clause *add* "(3) Any occupier aggrieved by the amount at which "he is rated may appeal therefrom to the police magistrate having jurisdiction in the "district, who shall hear and determine the matter, and may confirm or vary such "amount."
Page 9, clause 28, line 16. *After* "trust" *insert* "of which not less than fourteen days' notice "shall be given in the prescribed manner"
Page 9, clause 29, line 39. *Omit* "he" *insert* "the Governor"
Page 9, clause 29, line 40. *After* "trust" *insert* "remove from office trustees and appoint and "direct the election of other trustees"
Page 10, clause 31, line 7. *After* "may" *insert* "with the approval of the trustees"
Page 10, clause 33, line 34. *After* "making" *insert* "and revision"
Page 10, clause 33, line 34. *After* "voters" *insert* "and the mode of voting"
Page 11, clause 34, line 14. *Omit* "twenty" *insert* "ten"
Page 11, clause 34, line 16. *Omit* "if and"
Page 11, clause 34, line 17. *Omit* "but not otherwise"
Page 11, clause 34, line 17. *Omit* "shall be"

Examined,—
F. T. Humphery,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

9. Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

10. Eddy Orphanage Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Evans.	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. McGowen,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Davidson,		Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Power,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Latimer.	
Mr. D. R. Hall,		Mr. Jones,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Arthur Griffith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of railway and tramway employees so employed under the Government Railways Act of* 1888; *to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish an orphanage, to be known as the Eddy Orphanage, for the care of the orphans of railway and tramway employees so employed under the Government Railways Act of* 1888; *to appoint trustees for the said orphanage; to vest land in the said trustees; to acquire, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise deal with such lands, and to erect buildings thereon; and further to provide for the government and management of such orphanage; and for other purposes incidental to and consequent upon the said object*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18*th September*, 1902, *a.m.*

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read a letter from him stating that, though improving, he was still confined to his bed, and hoped the House would further excuse his absence this afternoon.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Sydney University :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been voted by Parliament to the Sydney University for the ten years preceding the 1st July, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The amount voted for the Sydney University and affiliated colleges, from 1893 to 1901-2 inclusive, was £184,905 :—From Consolidated Revenue, £155,405; from Loans, £29,500.

(2.) Survey Staff :—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has it been represented to him that a great deal of delay in dealing with applications for land, under all conditions, is due to the inadequacy of the Survey Staff, the members of which have to slavishly work early and late to meet departmental requirements and pressure?

Mr. Bennett answered,—No; but if the Honorable Member will afford me particulars of any case which may have been brought under his notice, my honorable colleague will make inquiry into it.

(3.) Importation of Cheap Tea :—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has it been brought under his notice that much of the cheap tea sold as ration and to householders by itinerant dealers is of inferior quality and poisonously adulterated?
(2.) If it has not come to his knowledge, will he cause inquiry to be made, through the Board of Health, at the same time ascertaining what precautions are taken to prevent or check the importation of so-called teas?

Sir John See answered,—No. The cheap teas referred to are well known in the Department of Public Health. They are never poisonously adulterated, and are inferior mainly in flavour. All imports of tea are sampled by the Customs, and if unfit for consumption, are not allowed to enter. In doubtful and important cases, advice is sought from the Department. Fictitious teas—that is to say, teas made from exhausted or from foreign leaves—have very rarely been met with.

(4.) Steamship "Balmain" :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to the following report by the New Zealand inspectors on the steamship "Balmain" in July, 1902 :—"This vessel put into Auckland with boiler tubes leaking "badly. Boiler pressure reduced from 80 lb. to 60 lb. She was subsequently refused clearance by "the Customs as being unseaworthy. I have surveyed the vessel, and find hull plating near stern-"post in a very bad condition, and quite eaten through with rust, the cement only preventing "water from coming in, though if a heavy sea struck the vessel aft she would collapse. She is "quite unseaworthy in her present condition"?
(2.) In the face of the surveyors of our State having passed her for a period of twelve months, five of which had only passed when the foregoing report was made, will he call upon them for an explanation?
(3.) Is she owned by Mr. Sneddon, charterer of the "Quiraing"?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The "Balmain" was not granted a twelve months' certificate: a six months' certificate only was granted from 12th February last, which consequently expired in August last, about the time the vessel was surveyed in New Zealand.
(3.) Mr. Sneddon is the owner.

(5.) Jury Bill:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) At what stage is the Jury Bill giving Police Magistrates authority to revise the jury lists in lieu of Justices of each district?
(2.) Will he have the Bill passed so as to save the unnecessary attendances of Justices, many of whom have to attend the Court at considerable inconvenience?

Sir John See answered,—The Honorable the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me as follows:—
(1.) The Jury Bill is not yet finally settled, and it is doubtful whether it could be passed into law before the next Jury Revision Courts are held, in December.
(2.) All Justices residing more than 15 miles from the Court-house will, however, for the future, be excused from attendance at the Revision Court. This will, it is believed, give a large measure of relief, pending the passing of amending legislation, without lessening the effectiveness of the revision of the lists.

(6.) Working-men's Blocks, Lilyville:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that the applications for working men's blocks at Lilyville have not been as numerous as was anticipated, will he favourably consider the advisableness of amending the regulations in the direction of reducing the rental deposit and the amount to be expended on improvements; and also to represent to the Railway Commissioners the desirableness of granting weekly tickets to workmen, as same would be an important factor in promoting settlement, which is apparently checked by the present excessive tram fares?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The matter is under consideration.

(7.) Land Tax Revenue—Land Revenue:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What are the annual receipts from each electorate of the State, to the end of the financial year, in respect to land tax revenue?
(2.) What are the annual receipts from each electorate of the State, to the end of the financial year, in respect to land revenue of all kinds?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I regret it is impossible to supply the information the Honorable Member desires. The records of the land revenue and land tax receipts are kept without regard to the divisions into which the State is divided for electoral purposes.

(8.) Release of William Creswell:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has a Royal Commission recommended the release of William Creswell from the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum; and has Parliament unanimously adopted the Royal Commission's report?
(2.) Has the Government, notwithstanding this recommendation, refused to release Creswell unless an application is made to the Supreme Court?
(3.) Has it been determined that, when this application is made, no question will be raised as to the costs of a previous application of 1897?
(4.) Will the Government, in view of the decision of the late Mr. Justice Manning in 1897, when application be made, refrain from raising the question of Creswell's identity?

Sir John See answered,—The Honorable the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice states:—
(1 and 2.) There is no power to release a lunatic except by order of the Supreme Court, and any person can obtain such order upon proof that he is acting *bona-fide* in the interests of the patient.
(3.) An application was made to the Court by a Mr. Priestman, which was refused, with costs. The payment of these costs is not a condition precedent to another application.
(4.) This is a matter of which the Court will require to be satisfied.

(9.) Agent-General:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to remodel or abolish the office of the Agent-General in London, seeing that a large percentage of State affairs is now dealt with by the Commonwealth Parliament?

Sir John See answered,—No.

(10.) The Poor and Destitute of Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been directed to a statement appearing in the *Daily Telegraph*, of 17th September, headed "Darker Sydney," and made by Canon Boyce at the Anglican Synod, of the alarming amount of acute poverty, suffering, and distress that exists in Sydney; if so, is there no possible or easy method by which the Government can deal in a simple way with such heartrending cases of distress and hardship, either by the State Relief Board, or else by the introduction of a Poor Law Bill to provide relief and proper comforts to poor sick indigent families such as referred to in the statements disclosed by Canon Boyce?

Sir John See answered,—The State Children Relief Board deals with all cases of deserving widows and deserted wives, and the Chief Secretary's Department deals with any other cases of destitution if represented to it.

(11.) Importation of Fodder:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total tonnage of produce coming under the heading of fodder (not including wheat, flour, oats, butter, &c.) imported into the State, both by sea, rail, and otherwise, from 1st January to 31st August of the present year?
(2.) The total value of the same?
(3.) Will he inquire whether the whole, or the greater portion, of that produce could not have been grown in the State had greater facilities been granted to settlers in the way of extending railways and railway communication into rich agricultural districts in the interior?
(4.) What was the total loss to the railways on fodder carried at reduced rates during the above period?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) I regret that I am unable to give this information, the Customs Department being no longer under my control.

(3.) The policy of the Government is to extend the railways into the rich agricultural districts, of course, with due regard to the state of the finances.

(4.) This information cannot be given without referring to the various station invoices, &c., and will necessarily take some little time.

(12.) Tram-line from Redfern to the "Sir Joseph Banks Hotel":—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Anderson asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the cost of maintaining the tram-line from Redfern-street to the "Sir Joseph Banks Hotel," Botany-road, exclusive of rails and sleepers, for the last five years?

Sir John See answered,—The detail cost is not kept of the maintenance of separate sections of the tramway lines; but proportionately to the cost of the whole section, the maintenance for the five years of the portion referred to would be £12,000.

(13.) Government Printing:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The annual cost of printing and publishing the monthly provisional lists?

(2.) The same as to electoral lists?

(3.) The same as to electoral rolls?

(4.) The same as to electoral check rolls?

(5.) The same as to lists of objections?

(6.) The estimated cost of printing and publishing the rolls under the Women's Franchise Act?

(7.) Is it his intention to amend the present Electoral Law in order to bring it into line with the Federal Electoral Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £206 19s. 3d.

(2.) £1,716 1s. 1d.

(3.) £1,216 19s. 1d.

(4.) £930 12s. 1d.

(5.) £903 17s. 8d.

(6.) First year, £8,379; second and subsequent years, £4,074.

(7.) This question might be addressed to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

(14.) Live Stock crossing the Border into Victoria:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were not the border duties on live stock abolished when the federal union of the Australian States was accomplished?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that, this source of irritation to New South Wales stock-raisers having been removed, a new method whereby they may be harassed has been devised, the Victorian authorities having passed a law which is to be enforced from 1st October, 1902, whereby all cattle sent from this into the sister State must be inoculated for anthrax?

(3.) In view of the fact that there is, apparently, no necessity for the enforcement of this law, will he communicate with the Victorian Government to that effect, and urge them to revert to the old system of admitting uninoculated cattle?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Department of Mines and Agriculture:—

(1.) The Victorian tax on stock from this State ceased on 6th October, 1901.

(2.) The regulations of that State regarding inoculation against anthrax are not new. On 30th October, 1899, regulations were issued by that Government under the Health Act of 1890, and Stock Diseases Act, 1890, providing for the introduction by land of stock into Victoria from this State, and in October, 1900, they were amended, the word "stock" being substituted for "sheep," and providing for the making of a statutory declaration that stock were free from anthrax, the obtaining of a certificate from a Stock Inspector, and the vaccination of stock which had travelled along certain routes or been in localities where anthrax was present. These regulations were suspended from 1st April to 30th September (instant), as during that portion of the year there is little or no risk from anthrax, but are to be again brought into operation from 1st October next.

(3.) In October, 1900, representations were made to the Premier of Victoria as to the irksome nature of the regulations, to which a reply was received to the effect that the precautions were considered necessary.

(15.) Public School Buildings:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What amount was expended during the years 1900, 1901, and 1902 on repairs to school buildings?

(2.) What is the estimated value of school buildings, the property of the Department of Public Instruction?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Expenditure on repairs and improvements, including furniture (I could not get the information separately within the time at my disposal), to school buildings during the years—1900, £59,588 16s. 8d.; 1901, £28,591 0s. 8d.; 1902 (to 31st August), £21,227 9s. 9d. The expenditure for previous years was as follows:—1895, £56,973 14s. 4d.; 1896, £28,516 18s. 11d.; 1897, £30,522 1s. 1d.; 1898, £65,246 7s. 9d.; 1899, £46,539 5s. 6d.

(2.) The approximate value of Public School buildings on 31st December, 1901, was £3,500,000.

(16.) Extra Living Allowance to Public Servants:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that all branches of the Public Service in the North-Western District receive an extra living allowance in addition to their ordinary salaries?

(2.) Is he also aware that employees in the Railway Service in that district do not receive such allowance?

(3.) Will he state definitely when the privilege will be extended to that branch of the Service, in order to remove the anomaly which at present exists in that district?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the employees in the Railway Service located in the North-Western District do not receive any extra living allowance. Their position is different from employees in the Public Service. The former have the advantage in regard to freights and travel which the latter have not, and, as a rule, are more favourably situated as to location.

3. Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the advance made in connection with the suppression of juvenile smoking, and praying that the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill may be passed into law.
Petition received.

4. Printing Committee—Paper again referred:—Mr. Fegan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in connection with the dismissal of James Stephen Inch, clerk, Registrar-General's Department, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 2nd September, 1902, and referred to the Printing Committee, and reported upon on 4th September, 1902, be again referred to the Printing Committee for further consideration.
Question put and passed.

5. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Tramway from Enmore-road to the Dulwich Hill Terminus.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Papers:—Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended Regulation No. 307 under the Crown Lands Acts.
(2.) Amended Form No. 51 under the Crown Lands Acts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Kidd, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act*, 1896, *in respect thereof; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act*, 1896, *in respect thereof; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18*th September*, 1902.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2), postponed until Tuesday, 7th October.

10. Adjournment:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Parramatta, Mr. Moxham, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "maladministration of the Hospitals for Insane."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Moxham moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

11. Municipal Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

12. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate dairies and dairy factories, and the production and manufacture and exportation of dairy produce; to secure that dairy produce shall be produced, manufactured, sold, and exported in a wholesome state; to regulate the storage, carriage, and exportation of dairy produce; and to regulate the manufacture, sale, carriage, packing, importation, and exportation of margarine, and other similar substances.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Conor, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate dairies and dairy factories, and the production and manufacture and exportation of dairy produce; to secure that dairy produce shall be produced, manufactured, sold, and exported in a wholesome state; to regulate the storage, carriage, and exportation of dairy produce; and to regulate the manufacture, sale, carriage, packing, importation, and exportation of margarine, and other similar substances.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate dairies and dairy factories, and the production and manufacture and exportation of dairy produce; to secure that dairy produce shall be produced, manufactured, sold, and exported in a wholesome state; to regulate the storage, carriage, and exportation of dairy produce; and to regulate the manufacture, sale, carriage, packing, importation, and exportation of margarine, and other similar substances*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Government Tenants in the Resumed Areas :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that all the tenants of the Harbour Trust have been requested to sign attornments, containing most obnoxious clauses?
(2.) Does he consider it fair that weekly tenants should keep their tenements in repair, &c.?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners are determined upon driving the helpless workmen from their present necessary dwellings in the resumed areas?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished me with the following replies :—
(1.) Clause No. 3, which is doubtless that referred to, applies only to yearly tenancies, and was inserted by mistake in the form of attornment to be signed by weekly tenants, who have been so informed.
(2.) Weekly tenants have not been called upon to effect repairs to the premises in their occupation.
(3.) No; as a matter of fact, it has been decided to erect additional cottages for the accommodation of the workmen employed on the wharfs and in the vicinity thereof.

(2.) Resumed Areas :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Cabinet consider the advisability, apart from the fairness, of refunding interest paid on mortgages since the resumptions, and especially where the Government have been receiving the rents and profits?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The liability of the Crown in the matter referred to in Mr. Daley's Question is now the subject of a special case which will shortly come before the Full Court for decision, so that I can take no definite steps in the matter at present, or, at all events, until the case referred to has been decided.

(3.) Auditor-General :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Auditor-General is 82 years of age?
(2.) Is he seventeen years older than men who have, under the Public Service Act, been called upon to retire?
(3.) Will he consider whether it is fair to the public or younger officers in the Service for this gentleman to hold the position at such an advanced age, considering the ever-growing and complicated condition of Public Accounts?

Sir John See answered,—
(1 and 2.) Yes.
(3.) This gentleman has held the position with credit to himself and the country.

(4.) Food and Liquor Adulteration—Tuberculosed Cattle :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The number of samples of food and liquor that have been analysed by the Government Analyst and found to be adulterated since 1st January last?
(2.) The number of convictions that have taken place during the same period for such offences, including the sale of unwholesome or diseased meat?
(3.) The number of tuberculosed cattle that have during that period been condemned as unfit for human food or consumption, and number of convictions for the offence?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The number of samples of food and liquor analysed in the laboratories of the Department of Public Health from 1st January to the end of August of this year was 803, and the number found to be adulterated was 339.

(2.) The desired information could not be furnished without a reference being first made to all the Courts of Petty Sessions in the State.

(3.) Taking all parts of the State, 2,176 cattle were destroyed for tuberculosis between 1st January and 31st August, 1902.

(5.) Alcoholic Drinks Unfit for Consumption :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware (or will he obtain a report from the Public Health Board) that a large quantity of gin and bitters now in daily use and consumption by the general public contain a large quantity of active poisons?

(2.) Will he see that steps are taken to obtain a report from the Public Health Board, and a list of alcoholic drinks which contain essences, such as synthetic essence of anisette, absinth, vermouth, noyeau, chartreuse, and vulnerary, &c., and which, when consumed, are dangerous to public health?

Sir John See answered,—The President of the Board of Health has furnished the following replies:—

(1.) No.

(2.) A very large number of samples of the different kinds of alcoholic liquors in daily consumption, some of which contained essences of different sorts, have been examined in the analytical laboratory of the Department of Public Health during many years past, but no essence dangerous to the public health, when consumed, has been found in them.

(6.) Molong Cottage Hospital :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In answer to Dr. Ross' Question *re* Molong Cottage Hospital, No. 8 of 17th September, Sir John See made the following reply :—"That the plans for the erection of a hospital at Molong "were submitted in July, 1886, and were condemned *in toto* by the Medical Adviser to the "Government." If the plans as alleged were condemned *in toto* in 1886, how is it to be explained that the Government have been contributing public money yearly towards the support of a public institution that their own officers have condemned?

(2.) Will he state, for the information of this House and the country, who is responsible for such a wasteful expenditure of public money and private contributions on the erection of a building that was condemned *in toto* as unsuitable for the purpose when the plans were submitted to the proper authorities?

Sir John See answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Momber will defer his Questions until the inquiry which he desired should be made has been completed and a report furnished.

(7.) Title Deeds, Molong Cottage Hospital :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have the title deeds of the land situated at West Molong, county of Ashburnham, on which the Molong Cottage Hospital is erected, been issued; if so, when, and to whom?

Mr. Crick answered,—The deed was prepared in the name of the trustees, Messrs. Charles Stockwell, James Lee, Claude Smith, James Haslam, Caleb Parker, John Black, and John Francis Wynne, and forwarded on the 19th October, 1886, to the Registrar-General for delivery.

(8.) Appointment of a Police Magistrate, Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet had under consideration the advisableness of appointing a Police Magistrate for Molong and district, as promised during last Session; if so, when?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply :—Even if the appointment were necessary, which, in my opinion, is not the case, the necessity for economy in the expenditure of the public funds would not permit of any new appointment of this nature being made at present.

2. PAPER :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MOLONG COTTAGE HOSPITAL (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) All letters, papers, reports, correspondence, decisions, plans of the building, and other documents, &c., having reference to the erection of the Molong Cottage Hospital, since the year 1886, and the cost of the same.

(2.) A statement of the amount of public money in shape of special grants, &c, contributed by the Government towards the same.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Totalizator Bill postponed until To-morrow.

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

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 141.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of September, October, and November, or following month of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1903, for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1902.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. Coal Mines Regulation (Use of Safety-lamps and Explosives) Amendment Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 142.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, with respect to the use of safety-lamps and explosives.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1902.

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

7. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Denison Division, Mr. Kelly, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The delay caused to the business of the Arbitration Court through Judge Cohen being sent "on Circuit."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith proceeded to move, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Hogue requested Mr. Deputy-Speaker's ruling as to the introduction of this Bill, alleging that it should have originated in a Committee of the Whole, and have been preceded by a Message from the Governor, because it proposed to release or compound a sum of money owing to the Crown, and abolished or remitted a charge made by the Crown, and these preliminaries not having been observed, the Bill was out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that he had had an opportunity of giving this question of order his consideration in anticipation, and, for the reasons which he stated at length, he could not sustain the objection raised, but must rule that the Bill was in order.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 7th October.

9. Adjournment:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

F. W. WEBB, *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.* — WILLIAM McCOURT, *Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fisheries Inspectors:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Fisheries Inspectors are classed in the General Division by the Public Service Board; if so, what are the reasons for placing them in such division?

(2.) Is he aware that their duties are to a large extent clerical, and that they are obliged to compile returns of a very intricate character?

(3.) Will he take steps to have their grading altered; if so, when?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Service Board informs me that only a small portion of the duties of these officers is of a clerical nature. Their main duties are such as to properly warrant their classification in the General Division. It is not considered desirable, therefore, to make any alteration in the existing grading.

(2.) Nabiac Police Station:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he be good enough to furnish a statement showing the money received at the Nabiac Police Station for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

(2.) Does the importance of the district warrant the erection of a Police Station at that place?

(3.) What rent is paid for the use of the present buildings?

(4.) Will he place a sum on the Estimates for 1902–3 for the erection of a Police Station at Nabiac?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) A statement will be obtained.

(2.) It would be desirable to erect a Police Station when funds are available.

(3.) £48 per annum for Court and police purposes.

(4.) The matter will be considered.

(3.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mrs. Collins, of West Wyalong, has been deprived of her old-age pension?

(2.) Are the grounds of this action the fact of her obtaining a small quantity of liquor at a Wyalong hotel, no allegation of drunkenness being made or proved?

(3.) Is it the desire of the Department to have it understood that old-age pensioners are under tutelage as to the expenditure of the sum allowed them?

(4.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to extend the same tutelage to other classes of pensioners, to the Judges on their retirement, and to Civil Servants?

(5.) If not, on what grounds is the distinction drawn?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The pension granted to Mrs. Collins has expired. Her application for a second pension has not yet been granted.

(2.) The District Board are of opinion that the claimant has not so satisfied the requirements of the Act during the preceding twelve months as to warrant them granting a second pension. Claimant was offered opportunities of proving that she fulfilled the requirements of the law. When before the District Board, the Board offered to allow her to produce further evidence; but the claimant, who was represented by her solicitor, refused to accept the adjournment. The claimant's son complained of her carrying liquor from an hotel on several occasions.

(3, 4, and 5.) It is the duty of the Administration to see that the requirements of the law are met. Special conditions as to behaviour are laid down in the Old-age Pensions Act.

(4.) Proposed Railway, Cowra and Gregra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the survey of the cross line between Cowra and Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, likely to be completed and ready to be submitted to the Public Works Committee for their report?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed that the survey should be completed in about three months, but I will give instructions to have it expedited.

(5.) Proposed Railway, Molong to Peak Hill:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How far has the survey of the proposed railway extension from Molong to Peak Hill, *via* Cumnock, been completed?
(2.) Can he furnish any information as to the time it will take to complete the survey of the line from Molong to Peak Hill, or if there is any possibility or probability of the work being completed before the present Session closes?
(3.) Is it a fact that a line is at present being surveyed from Parkes to Peak Hill; when is it likely to be completed; and the distance between the two places?
(4.) Will he see that both lines are referred at the same time to the Public Works Committee for their report?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) To the Gap Creek.
(2.) Eight or nine months.
(3.) This survey has been completed. The distance is 31 miles 52 chains.
(4.) This will be decided when the Molong to Peak Hill survey is nearing completion.

(6.) Amendment of Public Service Act, 1902:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Act, 1902, does not contain any provision entitling officers, who ceased to contribute to the Superannuation Account but who remained in the Public Service, to certain refunds, interest, and gratuities?
(2.) Were not such provisions contained in the Public Service Act of 1895?
(3.) Does the Government intend to introduce an amending Bill to repair the omission in the Consolidated Act?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1 and 2.) Yes; but all the rights referred to are, as a matter of law, preserved by section 8 of the Interpretation Act, 1897.
(3.) A clause has been already inserted in the Amending Public Service Bill for more abundant caution to satisfy those who may have had any doubt on the subject.

(7.) Crown Prosecutors:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that Crown Prosecutors have recently been appointed to appear at Courts in connection with which there are absolutely no cases set down for trial?
(2.) On what principle are Crown Prosecutors appointed?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following answers:—
(1.) There are at present no cases at Tamworth but there was one case when the Crown Prosecutor was appointed, and, as the Court does not open until 7th October, it is most probable that other cases will be set down. Since it is never certain that there will be no case until the Court opens, prosecutors have to be appointed to meet this contingency.
(2.) On the principle that it is necessary, for the due administration of justice, for the Crown to be represented at each Circuit Court.

(8.) Imprisonment for Debt:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he introduce legislation this Session, the effect of which will be to abolish the existing system of imprisonment for debt?
(2.) If he is not prepared to take the course suggested, will he appoint a Royal Commission charged with the task of inquiring into the operation of the system in this State?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) In the present state of public business the Government cannot undertake to introduce a new and important measure of this kind.
(2.) I am not aware that there is any necessity for an inquiry of this nature, but the subject is important, and the Attorney-General wishes me to state that he will be very glad to give attention to any representations upon it which the Honorable Member may think fit to make.

(9.) Railway, Granville to Clyde:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it intended to transfer the junction of the Western and Southern lines of railway from Granville to Clyde?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed it is not intended to make any change in the existing arrangements.

(10.) Blockholders Act, 1901:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What has been the total cost, so far, of the administration of the Blockholders Act of 1901?
(2.) What has been the total number, up to date, of applicants for blocks of land at Lilyville?
(3.) Is it a fact that several applications have been withdrawn?
(4.) Has he considered the advisableness of modifying the published conditions; and, if so, at what conclusion has he arrived?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) No extra expense has been incurred in connection with the administration of the Act, any administrative work having been performed by the ordinary staff of the Department.
(2.) Twenty-two.
(3.) Yes, seven.
(4.) My honorable colleague will give the matter consideration.

(11.) Tramway Accidents:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the large number of tramway accidents which have recently occurred in this city, will he take into consideration the adoption of some means for preventing passengers from getting out of cars on the wrong side of the track, as is done in Melbourne and other cities?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the style of the majority of the cars in use in Sydney will not admit of their being closed on one side. In Melbourne only certain of the cars can be secured in this way. It may be added that few accidents occur in this way. An arrangement was tried some years ago, but had to be discarded.

(12.) Public Library:—Mr. Levy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What arrangements, if any, have been made for the erection of a new Public Library for the metropolis?

Mr. Perry answered,—None. It is not possible to make arrangements for the erection of a new building until a determination has been arrived at by the Public Works Committee, and the money appropriated by Parliament.

(13.) Miners' Accident Relief Fund:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What is the total amount of Government contributions to the Miners' Accident Relief Fund from 1st January, 1901, to 30th June, 1902?
(2.) The same information relative to mine-owners?
(3.) The same information relative to employees?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) £10,251 5s.
(2.) £10,468 7s. 5d.
(3.) £28,615 9s. 1d. The difference between the amounts stated in (1) and (2) represents the Government subsidy payable on owner's contributions received during the month of June, 1902. The amount, £10,468 7s. 5d., quoted in reply to Question (2) does not include owners' contributions for quarter ending 30th June, they not being payable until 1st July. The amount since received for that quarter is £2,260 2s. 4d.

(14.) Miners' Accident Relief Fund:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What amount of money has been withdrawn from the Miners' Accident Relief Fund, as provided for under section 10, towards payment of Board fees?
(2.) Who are the recipients of such fees; and what amount has each person received up to last payment inclusive?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) £22 1s.
(2.) William Bower. No other Member of the Board receives fees.

(15.) Secretary to the Miners' Accident Relief Fund:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the position of Secretary to the Miners' Accident Relief Fund been filled; and, if so, by whom?

Mr. Perry answered,—Mr. James Blanksby was appointed Secretary to the Board under the Miners' Accident Relief Act on the 1st January, 1901.

2. Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill:—Mr. E. M. Clark, Acting 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 26th August, 1902, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.

3. Papers:—
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Report of the Public Service Board for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Amendment to General Rule No. 3 of the Australian Museum Regulations.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(4.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report of the completion of the Iron Cove Creek Stormwater Channel—Joseph-street to Queen-street Extension.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Thursday, 2nd October.
(2.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday, 21st October.
(3.) Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday, 21st October.
(4.) Poisons Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price*];—until Tuesday, 2nd December.

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5. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1902–1903, AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE OF ADVANCE TO TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1901–1902:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 143.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying "Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1902–1903," together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1901–1902," on account of Services for the year 1901–1902, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.

Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd September*, 1902.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Newcastle East, Mr. Dick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The serious "consequences likely to follow by reason of the stoppage of the Harbour Improvement Works at "Newcastle."

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

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

Point of Order:—Mr. O'Sullivan stating that the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2), to be brought in this evening, would contain an item for proceeding with the works referred to, submitted that this discussion could not be gone on with now.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that it was his duty to prevent a double discussion on the same question, and as this subject could be discussed in the Committee of Supply, the Estimates being now on the Table, and the Supply Bill ready for introduction, he must hold that the Point of Order taken by the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works was fatal to the motion proposed by the Honorable Member for Newcastle East.

7. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

8. LAW OF PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the administration of the estates of deceased persons*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24*th September*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £985, for Executive Council, for the year 1902–1903.

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply "certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services "of the year 1902–1903, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. PAPERS:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1902–1903.
(2.) Statements and Diagrams in connection with the Financial Speech, 24th September, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—
That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,972,300: being £1,577,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of September, October, and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1903, to be expended at the rates which are shown on Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1903, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1902–1903; and
£394,800 for the following Services:—
Railways and Tramways—Extension of Eight-hour System (July and August), £10,000; Government Architect—Maintenance and Repairs of Public Buildings, and Services generally, £7,000; Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money, £50,000; and Treasurer's Advance Account—To enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation—the whole to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1904, £50,000.
In anticipation of Loan Votes—£277,800, for Public Works, viz.:—Harbours and Rivers, £24,000: being North Harbour Reclamation, Newcastle, £3,000; extra Mooring Accommodation, Newcastle, £2,500; Newcastle Harbour Improvements, £3,000; Ferry Approaches, Newcastle and Stockton, £3,000; Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers—Snagging, £5,000; Fitzroy Dockyard Extension, £2,000; New Sand Pump Dredge, Pontoons, Pipes, &c.—further sum, £3,500; and Camden Haven Improvements, £2,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, £19,300: being Improvement to Supply, Eastern Suburbs—Service Reservoir, £5,500, and Mains, £11,000; Campbelltown Reservoir, £2,800; Railway Construction Branch—Dubbo Junction—Extension, Dubbo to Coonamble, £8,500: Tramway Construction Branch—Tramways generally, £5,000: Water Supply Works, £211,000: being Cataract Dam, Sydney Water Supply, £50,000; Temporary Pumping Plant at Penrith, Sydney Water Supply, £11,000; Improvements to Sydney Water Supply, £50,000; Water Conservation generally, including Artesian Bores and other works (in anticipation of Water and Drainage Act), £100,000; and Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, £10,000, to meet 6 per cent. debentures, due 1st July, 1902, taken over with Water and Sewerage Works: being Sydney Water Debentures, £5,000; and Sydney Sewerage Debentures, £5,000.

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

14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1902–1903, the sum of £1,972,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1902–1903, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.)

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed.*

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902–1903; *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25*th September*, 1902, *a.m.*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sydney Hospital:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid to the Sydney Hospital in the shape of endowments, special grants, allowances for Government patients, and payments on all other accounts, for the ten years preceding 1st July, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Expenditure from 1st January, 1892, to 30th June, 1902:—From Consolidated Revenue Fund—Endowments, £49,429 2s. 10d.; Special Grants, £3,850 8s. 9d.; Allowances for Government Patients, £83,323 10s. 1d.; Other—Buildings, &c., £27,498; £164,101 1s. 8d. From General Loan Fund—Buildings, &c., £10,027 0s. 11d. Total, £174,128 2s. 7d.

(2.) New Public Library:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has anything definite yet been done in connection with the matter of determining upon a site, and the erection thereon, of new Public Library buildings?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that, owing to the dilatoriness of his Department in connection with this matter, there is a possibility of the priceless collection of books, manuscripts, &c., promised by Mr. David Mitchell, being lost to the Public Library?

(3.) Assuming that steps are being taken to erect new buildings, what is the estimated period which must elapse before a wing of same will be ready to receive the Mitchell library?

(4.) Does he know that a large number of Mr. Mitchell's books are now stored at the library in out-of-the-way nooks and corners, to their detriment and danger?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes, as far as is possible, pending the determination of the Public Works Committee and the appropriation of the money by Parliament. The site now occupied by the Public Instruction Department is, in my opinion, the most suitable one available.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am unable to say, but no time will be lost after the money has been appropriated.

(4.) I am aware that the Principal Librarian has stated so.

(3.) Supreme Court Case, De Rossi *v.* Walker:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the demurrer, De Rossi *v.* Walker, and the reply of the Colonial Secretary, of the 9th September, to certain Questions relative thereto, is he aware that, notwithstanding the opinion of Mr. Gould (when Minister of Justice), two separate Select Committees of the Assembly have reported that the Comte de Rossi has a claim against the Government of a reasonable and tangible character?

(2.) Is he aware that the consideration of motions for the adoption of these reports have hitherto been blocked only by the forms of the House preventing their coming on in due course?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to prevent, by the operation of a technical plea (the Statute of Limitations), the efforts of an old public officer to obtain a hearing of his claims by the only tribunal now open to him, namely, a jury of his countrymen?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The reports of the Select Committees appointed on 29th September, 1887, and 28th July, 1896, recommended Captain Rossi's claim for the favourable consideration of the Government.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) This claim has been investigated by successive Ministers of Justice during the tenure of office of the several Governments, and the same conclusion has always been arrived at, that it is utterly baseless. The claim is about thirty years old.

(4.) Crown Law Officers:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount, if any, has been paid up to date by the Federal Government for the services rendered by the Crown Law Officers of New South Wales on account of the Commonwealth?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£84 19s. 2d.

(5.) "Australasian Statistics":—Mr. Ashton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the due number of the Government Statistician's "Australasian Statistics" be made available to Honorable Members in time for reference during the financial debate?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The statistics have been compiled and are with the Government Printer for printing. It is hoped they will be available very shortly.

(6.) Cash Fares on the Tramways:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) When was the system known as the cash-fare first introduced upon the tramways?
(2.) Is a similar system in vogue in any other country?
(3.) Does not this system require that each ticket shall be numbered, and that such numbers shall be placed in consecutive order?
(4.) Is it a fact that in numerous instances the conductors have reported, and it has otherwise come under the notice of the Department, that tickets issued by the Department have not been in consecutive order?
(5.) Is it possible that under this cash-fare system that a conductor might innocently sell a misplaced ticket (from a book of tickets issued to him by the Department), and as a consequence be discharged from the Service (under the regulations in force) as a dishonest man?
(6.) Is there any check against the fraudulent use of an expired ticket by a passenger?
(7.) Will he, in the event of this being the case, cause an immediate and exhaustive inquiry into the whole matter, at which the Tramway Employees' Union might be represented?
(8.) Will he, in the meantime, lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of men dismissed for alleged breaches of the regulations governing this cash-fare system?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed it is about six and a half years ago.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) A few instances of misplaced tickets have come under notice.
(5.) It is not thought possible for a conductor to innocently sell a misplaced ticket and be found guilty of an irregularity.
(6.) Yes, as described in reply to Question 3.
(7.) The Commissioners do not consider that anything has arisen to demand such a course. If any employee feels himself aggrieved, he has the right of appeal in terms of the Act.
(8.) No objection, if moved for in the usual way. But it is pointed out that the publication of the return may injure men who have since obtained other employment.

(7.) Tramway Officials Dressed in Private Clothes:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Does the Tramway Department employ officials dressed in private clothes to travel on the trams and forward the tickets purchased to the Tramway Superintendent with a report?
(2.) If so, how many persons are so employed, and their names?
(3.) How long have they been resident in this State?
(4.) How long have they been employed (*a*) in this capacity; (*b*) or any other capacity, under the Railway Commissioners?
(5.) What is the salary or remuneration paid for this work, specifying what amount (if any) of allowances are made for expenses, and how such amount is computed?
(6.) Is there any objection to laying upon the Table of this House the whole of the papers in connection with these appointments; stating also if they are deemed permanent appointments; if so, why was not publicity given in terms of section 73 of Railway Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) I am informed that officers in plain clothes occasionally travel.
(2.) One at present.
(3 and 4.) Three months; the person referred to being previously engaged in similar work in an adjoining State.
(5.) 50s. per week.
(6.) The appointments are temporary only, and are made under the personal approval of the Railway Commissioners, who take the responsibility of making such appointments as are essential for the proper working of the tramway business. The system of check adopted here is common to tram companies, and is necessary for the protection of the public funds.

(8.) Constable Childs, Police Force:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) When did Constable Childs join the Force?
(2.) What is his position now, and what are his duties?
(3.) Are there any other officers in the Force who have reached the position of Senior-sergeant in eleven years from joining?
(4.) When and where has this officer shown any exceptional ability?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—
(1.) 17th February, 1892.
(2.) Sergeant, 1st class. He is engaged on departmental duties in connection with the Criminal Branch requiring exceptional care and intelligence.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) He was District Superintendent's clerk in the Northern District, where he was specially efficient.

(9.) Allowance, &c., to Medical Men Attending Inquests:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When does he propose to give effect to the recommendation *re* increase in mileage allowance, &c., to medical men summoned to attend and give professional evidence at inquests in country districts?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the allowances at present made are miserably inadequate, and that in consequence hardships are imposed upon medical men who are compelled to obey the official summons in such cases as those above alluded to?

Sir John See answered,—The allowances in case the distance travelled is over 20 miles are adequate; those for distances of less than 20 miles are inadequate, but the matter is now receiving consideration.

(10.) Tramway Accidents:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the number of the accidents, fatal and otherwise, which have been caused by the trams to date, from the 1st January, 1900?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information will take some time to prepare, and will be presented later in the form of a return.

(11.) Bridge recently Constructed by Works Department, at Camden:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total cost incurred in the construction of the bridge recently completed by the Works Department at Camden?

(2.) Were tenders called for this work; and, if so, how many were received; and what were the respective contract prices of tenderers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The bridge referred to was completed about eighteen months ago; the cost was £10,284.

(2.) Tenders were not called for this work.

(12.) Proposed Railway from Maitland to South Grafton:—Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the report of the Railway Commissioners on proposal to construct line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton be available?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have the report now, and it will be submitted to the Works Committee when the proposal is under consideration.

(13.) Break of Railway Gauge at Albury:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the estimated annual expenditure in connection with the change of freight, luggage, and passengers at Albury?

(2.) What has become of the apparatus, erected by Messrs. Hoskins, to overcome the difficulty of the break of gauge at Albury?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed the estimated annual cost is about £500.

(2.) It is still at Albury.

(14.) Timber Industry, Gloucester Electorate:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are a large number of sawmills and persons engaged in the timber industry in the Cape Hawke and Port Stephens districts?

(2.) What were the reasons that Mr. Bennett and the Lands Office officials did not visit those districts after promising to visit Coolangoolook and Bullahdelah with a view to inquiring into the timber industry?

(3.) Will he arrange to visit Bullahdelah at an early date, and be good enough to intimate to the Honorable Member for Gloucester the date of his proposed visit, in order that the Member for Gloucester may have an opportunity of being present at his meeting with the timber-cutters?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) I believe so.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) No.

(15.) Public Service Board:—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to state if he intends to appoint three members or one member to the Public Service Board; or is it his intention to abolish such Board?

Sir John See answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to alter the Act.

(16.) Crown Lands for Sale, East Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are a number of unsold suburban allotments of land (embracing an area of about 60 acres) in the town of East Molong; if so, is it the intention of the Government to offer these allotments of land for sale by public auction, and when?

(2.) Are any of the unsold allotments at the present time under lease to anyone; if so, to whom; at what rental; under what conditions; and for what period?

(3.) Have the conditions of the lease, if any, been fully complied with, and all rent, or arrears of rent, paid up in full?

(4.) In the event of the Department declining to offer the land for sale, will the Government see that steps are taken to have the land (about 60 acres) set apart as a town common for residents in the town of East Molong, seeing that the old town common some years back was resumed by the Government and sold, to the injury of the residents who own town allotments?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1 and 2.) There are only about two unsold suburban allotments, but probably the Honorable Member refers to the unsold town allotments, which are for the most part held under special lease. It is not at present contemplated to offer the land for sale by auction.

(3.) I will make inquiry.

(4.) It is not the practice of the Department to set apart town or suburban lands for commons.

2. RAILWAY FROM BROKEN HILL TO MENINDIE:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain residents of Broken Hill, representing that it is essential in the interests of that portion of the Western District that a railway should be constructed from Broken Hill to Menindie; that the proposed line is the initial step towards a direct overland line to the capital of the State; that a large tract of country now lying idle would be utilised; that the proposed line would pass through an enormous wooded tract of land, and timber could then be brought into Broken Hill at a minimum cost to the people and mines; and praying the House to sanction the construction of this section of railway. Petition received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. PAPERS:—
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Proclamations under the Stock Act, 1901, Part IV, Imported Stock.
(2.) Regulations under the Stock Act of 1901, Part IV, Imported Stock.
(3.) Regulations under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, 1898.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Peak Hill.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of the Glebe.
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Balmain.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CERTIFICATED MINE MANAGERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names and addresses of all certificated mine managers in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

6. MUNICIPAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

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

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, *25th September*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th September, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "Secretary for Lands" *insert* "Railway Commissioners "of New South Wales"
Page 2, clause 3, line 20. *Omit* "him" *insert* "them"
Page 2, clause 3, line 30. *Omit* "for" first occurring *insert* "of"
Page 2, clause 3, line 33. *Omit* "Secretary for Lands" *insert* "Railway Commissioners of New "South Wales"
Page 2, clause 3, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "into the Treasury and carried"
Page 3, clause 3. *Omit* subsections 2 and 3 *insert* the following new subsection:—

Assessment collection, and recovery of betterment tax.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section all the provisions of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and of any Act amending the same, relating to the assessment of the value of land for the purposes of land tax, and to the collection, payment, and recovery of land tax under the said Acts, shall apply mutatis mutandis to the assessment of the value of the land benefited as aforesaid, and to the collection, payment, and recovery of the tax thereon under this section, and such tax shall, until payment, be a charge on the land so taxed in priority to all sales, conveyances, mortgages, charges, liens, and encumbrances whatsoever, save and except the charge thereon in respect of land tax under the said Acts, and for the purposes aforesaid the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales shall have all the powers conferred on the Commissioners for Taxation by the said Acts.

Examined,—
F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next. (2.)

(2.) Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes;*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902-1903, *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(4.) Temora to Barellan Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

TEMORA TO BARELLAN RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th September, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* "said Secretary for Lands" *insert* "Railway Commissioners "of New South Wales"

Page 2, clause 3, line 22. *Omit* "such Secretary for Lands" *insert* "them"

Page 2, clause 3, line 36. *Omit* "Secretary for Lands" *insert* "Railway Commissioners of New "South Wales"

Page 3, clause 3, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "into the Treasury and carried"

Page 3, clause 3. *Omit* subsections 2 and 3 *insert* the following new subsection:—

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, all the provisions of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, and of any Act amending the same, relating to the assessment of the value of land for the purposes of land tax and to the collection, payment, and recovery of land tax under the said Acts, shall apply mutatis mutandis to the assessment of the value of the land benefited as aforesaid, and to the collection, payment, and recovery of the tax thereon under this section, and such tax shall, until payment, be a charge on the land so taxed in priority to all sales, conveyances, mortgages, charges, liens, and encumbrances whatsoever, save and except the charge thereon in respect of land tax under the said Acts, and for the purposes aforesaid the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales shall have all the powers conferred on the Commissioners for Taxation by the said Acts. Assessment, collection, and recovery of betterment tax.

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION (USE OF SAFETY-LAMPS AND EXPLOSIVES) AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, with respect to the use of safety-lamps and explosives.
Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 *SEPTEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Newcastle Sewerage Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 144.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of sewerage works for Newcastle and suburbs; to provide for the transfer to the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board of the said works; to apply the provisions of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Act of* 1892, *and any Acts amending the same, to such works; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1902.

(2.) Cobar to Wilcannia Railway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 145.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th September, 1902.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 146.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year* 1902-1903, *and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th September, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Removal of Swings, Domain Gymnasium:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to an inquest, a report of which appears in the *Evening News* of the 18th instant, headed "Killed by a Swing, and Death of a School-girl, Elsie McLeay Perrin, "aged 10," caused by being struck on the head by a moving swing at the Public Gymnasium in the Domain, in presence of several witnesses; if so, will he see that immediate steps are taken to have these dangerous swings removed, to prevent further accidents and deaths occurring?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to offer any compensation to the unfortunate parents for the loss of their child?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes; but it is difficult to see how precautions could be taken to prevent such an accident, which would scarcely justify discontinuance of the use of swings.

(2.) No claim for compensation can be entertained.

(2.) Promotion in the Police Force:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are any examinations held for promotion in the Police Force?

(2.) Who suggests to the Inspector-General the promotions of men?

(3.) Do the clerical portion get preference?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 3.) No.

(2.) The Inspector-General makes the selections on the reports and recommendations of his officers.

(3.) Fees Paid by the Commonwealth to Crown Law Officers of the State:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated in the Senate on Wednesday, the 24th September, that fees paid by the Commonwealth to the Crown Law Officers of this State are only book-keeping entries, and will be eventually charged against this State in the Federal accounts?

(2.) Will the £67, stated by Senator O'Connor as having been received as fees by Mr. Wise, have to be paid by the State eventually?

(3.) Does he approve of this State paying the Attorney-General for appearing for the Commonwealth Government against a citizen of this State?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) This will depend upon whether the expenditure is to be regarded as "new" or as "transferred" expenditure. The settlement of this question depends upon the interpretation of the Constitution, which is assigned to the High Court.

(2.) See above.

(3.) Whenever the Attorney-General appears in Court he must, unless the opposite party be an alien, appear against a citizen of this State. I see no reason why the Attorney-General should not be allowed, like any other Minister, to follow his private business so long as this does not interfere with his Ministerial duties.

(4.) Tram Traffic in the City:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the numerous fatal accidents in connection with the electric trams, particularly in George-street, between Circular Quay and the Newtown-road, owing to the fact that nearly the whole of the tram traffic is crowded into George-street, which is the narrowest and most congested street in the city, do the Government intend considering the advisability of diverting some of the traffic out of the city into the adjacent streets, with the view of minimising the very great danger now existing?

(2.) As it must be patent to any reasonable mind that the traffic cannot be much longer continued under the present conditions, will he consider the advisability of constructing either overhead lines or underground lines to meet the increasing demands of the suburban traffic through the city?

(3.) When the terminus is completed at Fort Macquarie, will it be possible for some of the lines to be brought through Elizabeth-street, where the congestion of traffic is certainly not so great as either in George or Pitt Streets?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The traffic regulations have already effected the relief of some of the streets from the heavier traffic, but the business requirements of the city render further restrictions a matter of difficulty.

(2.) This is a matter for the consideration of the Constructing Authority—the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works

(3.) It will be very undesirable to transfer any of the Western suburban traffic to Elizabeth-street, which it is anticipated will be fully occupied with the Eastern suburban, Botany, and Waterloo traffic when these lines are all converted to electric traction.

(5.) Building Sites, Centennial Park:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it proposed to sell the building sites round Centennial Park?

(2.) Is he aware that the Railway Commissioners are already in possession of a number of these sites, having erected a car house and sheds on Waverley-road?

(3.) Will he prevent any further encroachment upon this valuable park, or any violation of the Centenary Celebrations Act?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Not at present.

(2.) Yes, and the sites referred to are utilised for public purposes.

(3.) Yes.

(6.) Paddington Barracks:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the expressed opinion of Sir William Lyne that the Federal Authorities would be willing to exchange the Paddington Barracks site for another one, would he accept the offer and throw the land open for building purposes, thereby meeting the wishes of the Paddington Council, who waited on him recently *re* the removal of the barracks?

Sir John See answered,—This matter will receive full consideration. A settlement with the Federal Authorities has not yet been arrived at.

(7.) The s.s. "Balmain":—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the consent of the Speaker of the New Zealand House of Parliament was recently obtained for the purpose of hanging in the Lobby of that House a piece of plate from the hull of the s.s. "Balmain"?

(2.) Is he aware that the said plate was one taken from the stern of the s.s. "Balmain," about 18 inches above the waterline, and was shown to be eaten through with rust?

(3.) Is he aware that the said vessel was recently surveyed here and passed as seaworthy, and since then has had to be extensively repaired in New Zealand?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) The vessel was surveyed in Sydney in February last, and a six months' certificate was granted her, which expired in August last, about the time the vessel was surveyed in New Zealand. The Superintendent of Navigation is now arranging for an exhaustive inquiry to be made into the condition of the vessel when she left this port, and her condition when detained in New Zealand. The result of that inquiry will be the subject of a full report.

(8.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the Departmental estimate of cost of repairs, painting, &c., of the Iron Cove bridge?

(2.) What has been the total amount paid in wages?

(3.) What has been the total cost of materials?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to painting, &c., carried out some three years ago, the information can be more readily furnished in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way.

3. Papers:—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations Nos. 17 and 18, also Additional Regulations Nos. 27 and 28, under the Blockholders Act.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum by Messrs. Delohery and Bridges, Members of the Public Service Board, respecting the inquiry held by them into the case of Mr. James Stephen Inch, clerk, Registrar-General's Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Papers respecting the case of Moss Morris Friedman.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir John See, at nine minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Business (*by consent*) postponed until a later hour of the day :—
(1.) Questions, Nos. 1 to 15.
(2.) Government Business—Notices of Motions, Nos. 1 to 14.
(3.) Government Business—Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 36.
(4.) General Business—Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 8.

2. CASE OF MOSS MORRIS FRIEDMAN—VOTE OF CENSURE :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Government in the Friedman case is a breach of the principles which underlie the system of trial by jury.
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 *OCTOBER*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Macdonell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

The House adjourned, at three minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

2. CASE OF MOSS MORRIS FRIEDMAN—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers,—

" (1.) That, in the opinion of this 'House,' the action of the Government in the Friedman case " is a breach of the principles which underlie the system of trial by 'jury.'
" (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Gormly moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words from the word " House" to and inclusive of the word "jury," and insert the words "steps should be taken " to have Article IX in Governor's Instructions of July, 1902, so modified, that any powers vested " in one Minister should be vested in, and exercised by, the Executive Council only,"—instead thereof.

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Ashton submitted that the proposed amendment was not relevant to the original Question and should not be put.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that when he first read the amendment he thought it was fairly relevant to the motion, but after looking into it more closely, and listening to the arguments for and against its relevancy, he had now come to the conclusion that it was not sufficiently relevant to be in order.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 *OCTOBER*, 1902, A.M.

Disorder:—The Honorable Member for Wilcannia, Mr. Sleath, having disregarded Mr. Deputy-Speaker's calls to order, was, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Question put,—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Government in the Friedman case is a breach of the principles which underlie the system of trial by jury.
(2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Howarth,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Davidson.

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Mr. Waddell,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir John See,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr Williams,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Price,

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, at a quarter before Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1902.

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

PASTURES PROTECTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 147.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 29th September, 1902.

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

2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 148.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902.

State Government House,
Sydney, 7th October, 1902.

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

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Confiscated and Unclaimed Property:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of the confiscated and unclaimed property, on the 30th June, 1902, in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No account of confiscated or unclaimed property is kept by the Treasury.

(2.) Unimproved Land, Parish of Alexandria, Sydney:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the value of all lands, on an unimproved basis for land tax purposes, in the parish of Alexandria, city of Sydney?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As the Land Tax Records are kept without any regard to parishes, it would be a tedious and expensive matter to compile the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(3.) Expenditure on Roads in Drummoyne :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What amounts have been authorised to be spent upon Lyons and other roads in Drummoyne, which were affected by the cattle-driving nuisance, since 1895?
(2.) What were the dates of approval, and who was representative of the district in Parliament at the time the grants were made?
(3.) Has the Government any record in the Treasury of a promise, alleged to have been made by Sir William Lyne, to grant £2,500 to the Drummoyne Council as compensation for injury done to streets by the cattle-driving nuisance?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1 and 2.) The necessary information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
(3.) Yes, a promise was made in September, 1900, that a sum of £2,500 would be placed on the Draft Estimates for consideration.

(4.) Amounts Paid to Drummoyne Fire Brigade since 1895 :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amounts have been paid to the Drummoyne Fire Brigade since 1895, and upon whose application and what date was each grant given?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(5.) Tramway to Field of Mars Common :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the date of the Executive Minute which authorised the auctioneers at the sale of the Field of Mars Common to announce that a tramway would be constructed to the district?
(2.) Who was the Minister for Lands at the time?
(3.) Was it the Government of the late Sir Henry Parkes that authorised the minute referred to?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The Cabinet Minute was dated 18th April, 1887.
(2.) Mr. Thos. Garrett.
(3.) Yes.

(6.) Tramway from Balmain to Drummoyne :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount has been spent upon the construction of the tramway from Balmain to Drummoyne?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£17,444.

(7.) Railway from Homebush to Pennant Hills :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the approximate cost of the construction of the railway line from Homebush to Pennant Hills?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—As far as can be ascertained, the approximate cost of constructing the railway line from Homebush to Pennant Hills was £210,000.

(8.) Drummoyne Post Office :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the cost of the land and building used as a Post Office at Drummoyne?
(2.) When was the building erected, and who was representative of the district in Parliament at the date of approval and completion of the work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Cost of land, £500; cost of building, £1,145 16s. 9d. Total, £1,645 16s. 9d.
(2.) The building was erected in 1897, the representative of the district in Parliament being a Mr. F. Farnell.

(9.) Tramway from Balmain to Drummoyne :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What Minister authorised the construction of the tramway from Balmain to Drummoyne?
(2.) What is the date of the minute approving the proposal, and who was representative of the district in Parliament at the time such approval was minuted?
(3.) Who was representative of the district when the work of actual construction was commenced?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) I authorised the work.
(2.) 24th December, 1900; Mr. E. Terry was the gentleman who obtained the promise of the line.
(3.) Mr. F. Farnell.

(10.) Wharf at Bridge-street, Drummoyne :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the cost of the wharf at Bridge-street, Drummoyne?
(2.) Upon whose application was the proposal considered and approved, and the date of approval?
(3.) Who was representative of the district when the approval was given?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) £524 8s. 10d.
(2.) Application was made for the erection of a wharf by the Drummoyne Municipal Council in September, 1897, and again in June, 1898; the applications being supported by Messrs. F. Farnell and E. Terry. On 25th August, 1898, Minister J. H. Young approved of the necessary amount being noted for the Estimates.
(3.) Mr. E. Terry.

(11.) Field of Mars Common:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Upon what condition was the Field of Mars Common originally ceded to the Government by the commoners?

(2.) Was pressure brought to bear upon the commoners in any way, or did they all agree at a public meeting called for the purpose?

(3.) What is the date of the first Act giving the Government control of the area after being handed over?

Mr. Crick answered,—There was no concession on the part of the commoners. The common was resumed by the Field of Mars Common Resumption Act, 38 Vic. No. 3, to which I invite the Honorable Member's attention.

(12.) Public Park, Drummoyne:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he approved of the resumption of land for a public park at Drummoyne?

(2.) Who represented the district in Parliament, and made representations to the Minister on the subject, at the date of the minute authorising resumption?

(3.) Were ever £2,500 voted by Parliament prior to 1901 for the purchase of a park for Drummoyne?

Mr. Crick answered,—The history of this case is that Mr. Hassall promised Mr. Terry, late Member for Ryde, that he would purchase a park. Mr. Farnell subsequently saw me, and I felt bound by Mr. Hassall's promise to Mr. Terry; but, as I found that the Mayor of Drummoyne is strongly opposed to Government expenditure in that part of the Honorable Member's electorate, I have decided to proceed no further with the purchase.

(13.) Rodd Island:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Under what conditions was Rodd Island set apart as a reserve for the people's use?

(2.) What amount of public funds have been spent in improvements on the island up to date?

(3.) Why is a charge imposed upon the visitors who use the pavilion?

(4.) Will he see that the reserve is made available to everyone free of charge?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The land is dedicated for public recreation, but no conditions are specified as no deed has issued.

(2.) £950.

(3 and 4.) The Department has no information respecting the matter, but inquiry will be made.

(14.) Claim of Captain Comte de Rossi against the Government:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the reports of 1888 and 1896, in which two separate Select Committees recommended Captain Comte de Rossi's claim to the favourable consideration of respective Governments?

Sir John See answered,—The reports have already been tabled. The report of 1888 was ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on 9th February, 1888, and the report of 1896 was printed under No. 21 report from Printing Committee, 8th October, 1896.

(15.) Claim of Captain Comte de Rossi against the Government:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reply to Questions on Thursday, 25th September last, *in re* Captain Comte de Rossi, will the Government forego the plea of the Statute of Limitation in order that the claim may be determined in a court of law?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—If Captain Rossi will give security for costs in the event of his losing the case, I will recommend this course.

(16.) Day Labourers Employed by the Government:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the approximate amount of monthly payments to those employed by the Government as day labourers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can more readily be given in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(17.) Cash-fare System on the Tramways:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) With reference to the Questions Nos. 6 and 7, asked by Mr. McNeill and Mr. Nielsen on Thursday, 25th September, and to the replies thereto, is it not a fact that a conductor on the Cleveland-street line reported, on Friday, 26th September, a block of tickets, second section, issued to him in which the numbers ending in 376, 377, and 378 were in front of those ending in 302, 303, and 304?

(2.) In view of this and frequent other mistakes in the consecution of the numbers of tickets issued to tram conductors, will he cause an inquiry to be instituted into the whole matter of the cash-fare system, so that men will not be discharged for issuing tickets not in consecutive numbers, when the fault is with the printer of the tickets?

(3.) Will he urge the Commissioners to do away with the present system of employing detectives, and increase the staff of proper inspectors, so that men may have an opportunity of being able to explain, at the moment of detection, if non-consecutive tickets are found on their cars, instead of being called up three or four days afterwards (as is the case at present), when all evidence which might clear them has been destroyed by the blocks, from which the non-consecutive tickets have been issued, having been sold out?

(4.) Failing any other remedial measure, will he see that the butts of the blocks be numbered, as well as the tickets, so that the conductor would, in case of being accused of selling non-consecutive tickets, be able to keep the block butts, and so show whether his blocks of tickets were in consecutive order, or otherwise?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed such an instance did occur.

(2.) There are a few mistakes in the consecutive numbering of the tickets as issued to tramway conductors, and it is not considered possible for a conductor to be punished for issuing tickets not in consecutive numbers when the fault is due to other persons. There was a ready means of proving the conductor was not responsible in the instance quoted.

(3.) The Commissioners are responsible for the detail working of the trams, and consider the present system is necessary, having due regard to the protection of the public funds.

(4.) Arrangements have already been made to number the butts, and the necessary machinery has been ordered.

(18.) Crown-street Tram Service:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Can he inform this House when the electric system will be introduced in connection with the Crown-street tram service?

(2.) Have the Railway Commissioners considered the question of making the fare from Dowling-street to the city 1d.?

(3.) If not, in view of the answer given to Mr. Whiddon by Sir William Lyne, on 8th August, 1900, showing the great disparity in the amount of fares and the distance of the various routes, will they consider the advisability of having the Crown-street fare made 1d. from Dowling-street to the city, on the introduction of the electric system?

(4.) Considering the popularity and success of the electric tram from Randwick-road to the Railway Station, which is charged as a 1d. section, and which, to a certain extent, has interfered with the traffic on the Crown-street tram, that being a 2d. section, will he urge this matter upon the Commissioners, with a view of distributing the traffic between the two lines as much as possible?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is anticipated the line can be converted during next month.

(2 and 3.) The fare charged is considered a reasonable one for the service given, and the reduction would not be justified from a financial point of view.

(4.) The distance from Dowling-street to Bridge-street is very much more than that to the railway.

(19.) Treasury Bills:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received as premium on Treasury Bills, issued under the Act 63 Vic. No. 46, for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£1,757 19s. 3d. on first and second issues in Sydney. The other issues in London and Sydney were sold below par.

(20.) Unimproved Land, Parish St. James, Sydney:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the value of all lands, on an unimproved basis for land tax purposes, situated within the parish of St. James', city of Sydney?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As the Land Tax Records are kept without regard to parishes, it would be a tedious and expensive matter to compile the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(21.) Intestate Estates:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of unclaimed balances in the hands of the Curator of Intestate Estates on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Nil; but the balance at credit of the Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account on the date mentioned was £72,886 0s. 7d.

(22.) Unimproved Land, Parish St. Andrew, Sydney:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the value of all lands, on an unimproved basis for land tax purposes, in the parish of St. Andrew, city of Sydney?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As the Land Tax Records are kept without any regard to parishes, it would be a tedious and expensive matter to compile the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(23.) Barristers, Engineers, &c., in the Employ of the Government:—Mr. Archer asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he inform this House of the names of the barristers and lawyers, and the amount of remuneration each has received from the Government, for the last three years?

(2.) Also, the names and the amount received by engineers and surveyors for giving evidence on behalf of the Government for the last three years?

Sir John See answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a return, this information will be supplied.

(24.) Boys in Charge of Vehicles:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that immediate steps are taken to instruct the Inspector-General of Police to put down the present dangerous system of allowing boys under a certain age to be in charge of vehicles, and the practice of furious driving in our main thoroughfares and crowded streets, to the danger of pedestrians, females, the aged, and others?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—By the Traffic Regulations (which have the force of law) boys under the age of 14 are not allowed to drive vehicles in the metropolis, and the police are instructed to take constant action to check furious driving in the streets.

(25.) Public Works in the Molong Electorate:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In his Financial Statement, delivered on the 24th September, he informed this House that the total amount of new loan expenditure for last year was £5,028,805; will he inform this House and the country what sum, if any, of this amount was expended in the shape of public works in the Molong Electorate?

(2.)

(2.) This House was further informed that the balance of revenue returned by the Commonwealth amounted to £2,385,905; will he, for the information of this House, say how and on what kind of public works, &c., this large amount of money has been distributed, and the amount (if any) that was allotted and expended in the electorate of Molong?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving this information.

(2.) The balance of revenue returned by the Commonwealth was credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this State, which is treated as one fund—that is to say, no account is kept of the disbursements made from any particular item or source of revenue.

(26.) Government Model Farms:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of Government Model Farms that are at present in existence throughout the State?

(2.) Has he any information as to how these Model Farms have fared through the present drought, if they have been self-supporting, or if the Department has had to supply fodder, &c., to keep them in existence?

(3.) What profit or loss, if any, does the State derive by keeping up these Model Farms?

(4.) The number of persons that are annually employed and paid to look after these farms, and the cost of stock and machinery, &c., that are in use thereon?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be furnished, and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(27.) Tramway Service:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are there any persons at present employed in the Tramway Service who have been in the Service for over eighteen years; if so, will he furnish a list of their names, the wages and salary each receives respectively, and the particular position each holds respectively in the Tram Service at the present time?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There are a number of persons in the Tramway Service who have been employed for over eighteen years; but it would necessarily take some labour to compile a return. If the Honorable Member wishes the information, it is suggested he should move for it in the form of a return; or, if he wishes to obtain information as to any particular person, I should be glad to obtain and forward it for him, if he will write me giving the name.

(28.) Case against John Murray Prior:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the reason for the non-filing of a bill against John Murray Prior, committed for trial recently on a charge of indecent assault?

(2.) Will he consider whether this matter should not have been left to a jury to decide?

(3.) Is this John Murray Prior identical with John Murray Prior who was some time since convicted on a charge of abduction?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished the following reply:—This case was referred by the Crown Prosecutor for directions as to whether the case should go to trial, as on the evidence the Crown would have to present the case to the jury as one for an acquittal. The Solicitor-General decided that no proceedings should be taken, on the ground that the prosecutrix gave different descriptions of the man who assaulted her, the one given to the police shortly after the assault not being at all like the accused; and there was the evidence of reputable witnesses showing that the accused was otherwise engaged at the time of the alleged assault.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) Yes.

(29.) Claims against the Government by the Second Contingent:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that, in connection with certain claims made by members of the Second Contingent, a verdict was recently given in favour of one of the claimants in one of the Jury Courts?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that the Judge who heard this case stated that he could not see any reason why the claims of the plaintiff should not be satisfied?

(3.) Does he intend to abide by the decision in this case, and meet the claims of the whole of the members of the Second Contingent interested?

(4.) What is the sum involved in the whole of these claims?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) A verdict was returned for a member of the Second Contingent in one of the Jury Courts, but leave was reserved by the Judge to the defendant to move the Full Court for a nonsuit, or to set aside the verdict and enter it for the defendant.

(2.) I am not aware that the Judge made such a statement, but of course he held the opinion that the plaintiff was entitled to succeed on the evidence before him, or he would have granted a nonsuit or directed a verdict for the defendant.

(3 and 4.) This matter is still under consideration.

(30.) Bulli Disaster Fund:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he intend to introduce a Bill dealing with the balance of the money in the hands of the trustees of the Bulli Disaster Fund, as promised a few days ago to a deputation introduced to him by the Mayor of Sydney?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

4. The Land Laws:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from the Amaroo Progress Association and others, representing that there is a large and genuine demand for land for settlement purposes throughout the State; that in all future land legislation the amplest provision should be made to retain the public estate for those desirous of settling on it; and praying that in future no land be submitted under any non-residential term of tenure until the same has been offered in reasonable areas for a period of not less than six months under settlement lease, homestead selection, or some similar tenure necessitating residence.

Petition received.

5. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from James A. Nolan, President of the Western Suburbs Ministerial Association, representing that the passing of a measure to legalise the Totalizator would result in a large increase of gambling, and be detrimental to the best interests of the community, and praying that the House will not entertain any proposal to pass such a measure.
Petition received.

6. POISONS ACT:—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from certain storekeepers of Wolumla, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended, so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines.
Petition received.

7. PAPERS:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Correspondence respecting the use of New South Wales timber in blocking streets of Great Britain.
(2.) Returns relating to works in connection with Railway and Tramway Construction, from 14th September, 1899, to 29th September, 1902.
(3.) Report of the Labour Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return of Expenditure from Loan Votes in the Molong Electorate for the year ended 30th June, 1902.
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wellington under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 19th August, 1902,—"Resumptions at Darling Harbour, The "Rocks, and Devonshire-street Cemetery, &c."
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Rules of the Supreme Court, In Equity.
(3.) Return to an Order made on 28th August, 1902,—"Forbes Gaol."
(4.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1901.
(5.) Papers respecting extended leave of absence to Mr. Joseph H. Pyne, Draftsman, Registrar-General's Office.
(6.) Bulletins Nos. 16, 18, and B, respecting the Census of New South Wales.
(7.) Return, showing number of lives lost in shipping casualties within the jurisdiction of New South Wales, for the years 1892 to 1901 inclusive.
(8.) Return, showing receipts for license fees for vans and drivers for corresponding periods 1901 and 1902, &c.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Thursday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Woronora, Mr. Nicholson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "maladministration of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund Act."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Nicholson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted that this matter could be discussed in Committee of Supply on the consideration of the Estimate for the Mines Department; and that this notice was therefore out of order.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that, inasmuch as the subject could be fully discussed in the Financial Debate, which must take place to-morrow or the next day, in addition to the fact that the Estimates had been laid upon the Table, he felt it to be his duty not to allow a double discussion on the matter, and must therefore rule this motion out of order.

10. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr Affleck, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Edden, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Norton, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Perry, Mr. Rose, Dr. Ross, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Amount Granted to Drummoyne Council for Destruction of Rats:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount was granted to the Drummoyne Council for the destruction of rats during 1901–1902?

(2.) Was the amount granted applied to the purpose?

Sir John See answered,—No grant was made to the Drummoyne Council for the destruction of rats during the years 1901 and 1902 through the Health Department.

(2.) Medical Attendants on Aborigines:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are sums on the Estimates of Expenditure for medical attendants on aborigines at Grafton, Cummeroogunga, Warangesda, Maclean River, Tumut, Kiama, Singleton, Taree, Wingham, Casino, and Ulladulla?

(2.) Is he aware that there are aborigines' camps at and near Yass, and why are they not provided for?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No regular medical appointment is necessary, but attendance when requisite is paid for under the medical scale of fees.

(3.) Official Visitors to Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Who are the official visitors to the lunatic asylums, and how often do each of them pay a visit to those institutions?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane has furnished the following information:—The official visitors to the Hospitals for the Insane visit the institutions to which they are appointed once a month. Their names are—Gladesville and Callan Park, Drs. W. H. Goode, J. C. Cox, Mr. A. Nugent Robertson, Miss A. Parkes, and Mrs. Fitzsimons. Parramatta, Drs. W. S. Brown, Sinclair Gillies, and Mr. A. Nugent Robertson. Licensed House for Insane, Cook's River, Drs. J. C. Cox, Sinclair Gillies, and Mr. A. Nugent Robertson.

(4.) Promotion of a Draughtsman at Moree:—*Mr. Hogue*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that a draughtsman at Moree has been promoted over the heads of nearly thirty other officers, many of them of equal merit, and all of longer service, and with an increase of salary from £190 to £210 per annum?

Mr. Bennett answered,—A draughtsman at Moree on appeal received promotion which affects about twenty-two officers. The promotion was considered to be merited.

(5.) Loss of Stock through the Drought:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he yet in a position to furnish this House with any information regarding the loss of stock in the State of New South Wales, owing to the prolonged disastrous drought?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Definite information not yet obtainable. The returns prepared by the Stock Branch show that on the 31st December, 1901, the total number of sheep was 41,857,099, and a recent estimate of the sheep in the State on 31st August, made from information to hand, puts the number at 33,715,819, being an estimated decrease of 8,141,280.

(6.) Mercadool Holding:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he yet decided, as promised Dr. Ross some weeks back, or has the Chairman of the Moree Land Board yet decided or fixed any date, when the land on the Mercadool holding will be available for homestead settlement, lease, or conditional purchase?

(2.) Can he furnish any valid reason why the Department are so slow in disposing of the land on the Mercadool holding, seeing that scores of people have been, for a long time past, anxiously waiting to make a home for themselves and their families on this holding as soon as the land is thrown open?

Mr. Bennett answered,—In *Gazette* of 1st October instant, an area of 52,183 acres (in ten farms) on Mercadool holding was notified to become available for settlement lease on Thursday, the 13th proximo, to deal with applications for which the Local Land Board will sit at the Court-house, Walgett, on the following Thursday. This action has been taken on the representations of my honorable friends, Dr. Ross and Mr. D. R. Hall.

(7.) Old Waterworks at Botany:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What became of the engine and appliances attached to the old waterworks at Botany?

(2.) Seeing that there are not only millions of gallons, or rather an inexhaustible supply of water at Botany swamp, is it not possible, at a small outlay, to utilise this magnificent and accessible water supply for Sydney, &c., in the event of a water famine, or the water at Prospect reservoir running short owing to the prolonged drought?

(3.) Will he have the matter inquired into and reported on?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the engines and pumps were sold.

(2 and 3.) The available supply at Botany is at the present time very limited, and would be of little good in augmenting the Sydney water supply. The whole of the available water will be required for the industries that have been established at Botany.

(8.) Pollution of the Water Supply, Forbes:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to instruct the Inspector-General of Police to have a thorough inspection and report made as to the correctness of a report that is current—that several squatters in the Forbes District are in the habit of skinning dead or diseased cattle and then throwing the carcases into the river above the weir from which the water supply of the town of Forbes is obtained?

(2.) If the report is found to be correct, will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the persons prosecuted criminally for polluting the water to the danger of public health?

Sir John See answered,—Instructions have been given in the matter.

(9.) Traffic Branch, Tramway Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of officers at present in charge of the Traffic Branch of the Tramway Department; the name of each officer respectively; the length of time each officer has been in the Service; and the amount of pay or salary each receives respectively?

(2.) The number of inspectors and sub-inspectors that are at present employed in the Traffic Branch of the Tramway Department; the name of each inspector and sub-inspector respectively; the length of time he has been employed in the Service; and the amount of wages or salary each receives respectively?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be given in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Savings Banks Attached to Post and Telegraph Offices:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Since the Commonwealth Parliament took over the Post and Telegraph Offices of the State of New South Wales, what arrangements, if any, have been made to carry on the provisions of Savings Banks attached to these offices throughout the interior?

(2.) Are any fees or salary allowed to such officers for attending to such duties; if so, how much; and by whom are the fees or salaries paid?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No change has been made in the conduct of the business of the branches of the Government Savings Bank attached to post offices, which is the same as existed prior to the transfer of the Postal Department to the Commonwealth. The remuneration to be paid by the State Government to the Commonwealth for the services of the postmasters has not yet been decided upon.

(2.) The postmasters, being Federal officers, receive salaries covering all duties as heretofore from the Federal Government.

(11.) Arbitration Court:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date did the two members of the Arbitration Court actually begin their duties as such?

(2.) On what date did the Registrar of the said Court actually begin his duties as such?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The members of the Court first sat to adjudicate on 16th May, 1902; but their appointment took effect from the 1st April.

(2.) The duties of the Registrar began on 5th December, 1901.

(12.) Reappointment of Retired Officers of the State:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware there is, in the Statement laid upon the Table of the payments from the Treasurer's Advance Vote, the following:—"Paid £1,023 0s. 4d., refund of deductions from "salaries of officers who were retired from the Service and granted gratuities, but who were "subsequently reappointed to the Service"?

(2.) What was the total amount of gratuities paid to these officers?

(3.) When the refunds of deductions were paid to these officers, did these officers refund to the Treasury the sums paid them as gratuities?
(4.) If they have not done so, is it the intention of the Treasurer to compel a refund of these gratuities to be made?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2, 3, and 4.) When these officers were retired in the year 1896, they received the gratuity to which they were entitled under the provisions of the Public Service Act. Their reappointment to the Service was made on condition that they repaid the amount of gratuity received on retirement. Such gratuity, or portion of it, was repaid by monthly instalments deducted from the salaries of the respective officers. At a later date the Crown Solicitor advised that an officer, upon his retirement, became legally entitled to the gratuity provided by the Public Service Act, and that subsequent reappointment did not affect such right. Consequently, no further deductions were made, and the amount, £1,023 0s. 4d., repaid by the officers was returned to them.

(13.) Work Performed at the New Railway Station:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is the work now being done on and around the site of the new railway station being done by contract or day labour?
(2.) If partly both, will he say what portion is being or to be done by contract, and what is by day labour?
(3.) What has been the total cost for work done on the site spoken of up to the 30th September last; what sum has been paid as contract, and what sum for day labour?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1 and 2.) The work is now being done entirely by day labour. The only contracts let have been for the supply of materials such as blue metal, cement, &c.
(3.) This information can more conveniently be furnished in the form of a return, which must be moved for in the usual way.

(14.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Who is the Executive Member of the Old-age Pension Fund, and does he hold any other Government office?
(2.) If he holds any other Government office, is he paid any other sum for the same over and above the £600 voted for the first position?
(3.) Did not the Bank of New South Wales undertake to pay the money to old-age pensioners for the sum of £7,000 per annum; if so, why is £10,000 on the Estimates for this purpose this year?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) There is no Executive Member of any District Board for Old-age Pensions.
(2.) The proposed salary of £600 for an Executive Member for the Metropolitan District Board was reduced by Parliament last year to £300. No provision is made in the Estimates of this year for such a position.
(3.) No; the rate of commission agreed to be paid to the Bank of New South Wales is 2 per cent.

(15.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the amount, approximately, still to be paid in connection with the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions for principal, exclusive of interest?
(2.) What amount for interest is payable thereon from the date of resumption up to 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a return to-morrow.

(16.) Treasury Bills:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the amount borrowed under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Acts of 1900 and 1901?
(2.) From whom was the amount borrowed?
(3.) When was it borrowed?
(4.) What is the currency of the Treasury Bills?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) The amount borrowed under the Act named of 1900 and the Amending Act of 1901 was £755,179 4s. 8d.
(2.) The sum was borrowed from the Government Savings Bank, by investment of the surplus cash at credit of the bank, upon which the Government was at the time paying interest.
(3.) The investment was made on 1st February, 1902.
(4.) Eight years from that date.

(17.) Expenditure on Roads of the State:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the actual expenditure on the roads of the State from the revenue during the year 1900–1901?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£602,010 for roads only. This is exclusive of bridges, and punts, and salaries, and equipment; also of artesian wells and public watering places which last year were included in the Road Vote.

2. Municipal Bill:—Mr. Hogue presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of the Glebe, representing that for the reasons set forth Petitioners are opposed to certain provisions of the Municipal Bill, and praying for relief.
Petition received.

3. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Brunker presented a Petition from the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Sydney, President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, representing that a Bill has been introduced to legalise the use of an instrument known as the Totalizator; that a resolution was passed in the recently held Session of the Synod requesting the President to Petition against the passing of the said Bill; that the use of the Totalizator would tend to increase the facilities for gambling; that the moral conditions of the State would be injured by legalising this method of gambling; and praying the House to refuse assent to the said Bill.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Statement of Unpaid Accounts rendered during the year 1901–2, and of Revenue and Receipts which had not reached the Treasury on 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
(3.) Schedule of Leases issued under the Western Lands Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-law of the Borough of Botany.
(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Inverell.
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Plattsburg.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading. [*Mr. Meagher*];—until Tuesday, 2nd December.
(2.) Registration of Firms Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Levy*];—until Tuesday, 4th November.

6. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (CATARACT RIVER DAM) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half-a-mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

7. DEBATE ON VOTE OF CENSURE—DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the action of Mr. Deputy-Speaker in ordering the removal from the Chamber of Mr. Sleath, Member for Wilcannia, during the Censure Debate, in contravention of the Standing Orders.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Force:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the number of police officers who have recently retired from active service?
(2.) Have any promotions been made as a result of these retirements?
(3.) If so, will he have any objections to state the names of any officers promoted, and the nature of such promotion?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) During the present year five officers and twenty other members of the Force have been superannuated.
(2.) The vacancies have all been filled up by promotions.
(3.) I will presently lay upon the Table a list of officers promoted.

(2.) Contracts Entered into by the Railway Commissioners for Rolling Stock, &c.:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What contracts have the Railway Commissioners entered into for the supply of rolling stock for years 1902–1903, giving description of same, cost thereof, and names of successful tenderers?
(2.) What contracts have the Railway Commissioners entered into for the supply of iron and other metal work for both railways and tramways, giving description of same, cost thereof, and names of successful tenderers?
(3.) What contracts have the Railway Commissioners entered into for the supply of interlocking material for 1902 and 1903, giving description of same, cost thereof, and names of successful and unsuccessful tenderers?
(4.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to enter into any further contracts for 1902 and 1903 for the supply of any of the aforementioned materials; if so, what are the particulars of intended contracts?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member should move for the information in the form of a return.

(3.) Salary of Assistant Superintendent of Gladesville Asylum:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the salary of the Assistant Superintendent of the Gladesville Lunatic Asylum was increased on the Estimates for last year from £390 to £450?
(2.) Is it a fact that that officer was paid from the Treasurer's Advance Vote £255, as from the 1st January, 1902?
(3.) Does that mean that that officer received for last year the sum of £705, or what does it mean?
(4.) Is it a fact that that officer's salary is down on the Estimates for the present year at £340—allowances as per schedule being allowed for both years?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes; for the reason that the voted salary was required to pay his *locum tenens*, the Assistant Superintendent having been granted ten months' leave of absence prior to retirement from the Service.
(3.) No. It means, as stated, that that officer was paid from Advance Account while on leave, and his *locum tenens* drew portion of the voted salary.
(4.) Yes, that is the salary of that office—with allowances as per schedule.

(4.) Messenger and Hall Porter, Government House:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that £180 was voted on the Estimates for 1901–1902 for a messenger and hall-porter for His Excellency the Governor?
(2.) Is it a fact that £180 has been paid out of the Treasurer's Advance Vote for 1901–1902 for the same purpose?
(3.) Have two sums of £180 been paid for that purpose for last year; if not, why was it paid from the Advance Vote when it was voted on the Estimates?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) £180 voted for messenger and hall-porter, State Government House.
(2.) No; £180 paid from Advance Vote for salary of messenger, Lieutenant-Governor's Offices, Chief Secretary's Buildings.
(3.) No; as shown in answers Nos. 1 and 2, there are two separate messengers—one at Government House, the other at Governor's Offices, at Chief Secretary's Buildings.

(5.) Sanitary Inspector for Newcastle:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Board of Health to appoint a Sanitary Inspector for Newcastle; if so, what is the gentleman's name, and what salary will the position carry?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Mr. John Abberton has been appointed to assist the Medical Officer of Health for the Hunter River combined sanitary districts, as Sanitary Inspector, at a salary of £190 per annum.

(6.) Railway Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Gilbert asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to shortly bring into existence a Railway Superannuation Fund on the basis of those at present in existence in England, where the companies pay one-half of the contributions for the purpose, and the employees one-half on a percentage basis?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the Railway Commissioners have no present intention of submitting such a proposal. It may be added that a Provident Scheme was introduced some years back by the Commissioners, but meeting with considerable opposition from the railway men, was withdrawn.

(7.) Unemployed Cutting Roads at the Bellinger or Dorrigo:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any men from the unemployed been sent to cut roads or tracks about the Bellinger or Dorrigo during the past twelve months; if so, how many were sent, and when; and by whom were they sent, and where was the work done?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed by the officials in charge of the unemployed that there have been no men sent to this place during the last twelve months.

(8.) Stock Inspectors' Return:—Mr. Mackenzie asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the Stock Inspectors' Return from which the Report, dated 31st August, was compiled?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Yes.

(9.) Railway Sleepers:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) The number of sleepers bought in the year 1901–1902 for railway construction?
(2.) The price paid for same?
(3.) The number of sleepers bought by the Railway Commissioners in 1901–1902 for repairs to existing lines?
(4.) The price paid for same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1 and 2.) This information will take some time to prepare. The Honorable Member must move for it in the form of a return.
(3 and 4.) The Railway Commissioners inform me that the information required from them can be prepared in the shape of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Necropolis Railway:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to make provision on this year's Estimates for a sum of money to enable him to carry out an extension of the present Necropolis railway line to the newly opened-up portion of the Church of England Cemetery at Rookwood?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The items for Loan Estimates have not yet been determined by the Cabinet. When they are, this matter will meet with consideration.

2. Totalizator Bill:—Mr. Alexander Campbell presented a Petition from John Burgess, President, and W. Henry Howard, Honorary Secretary, of the Kiama Ministers' Union, representing that Petitioners believe that the legalisation of the use of the Totalizator would tend to an increase of gambling; and praying for legislation for the suppression of gambling on the lines suggested by the Royal Commission of the Imperial Parliament.
Petition received.

3. Conditional Purchase by Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the Parish of Kahibah:—Mr. Edden, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th August, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. PAPERS :—
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) List of Officers in the Police Force promoted during 1902.
(2.) Correspondence with the Victorian Government regarding the diversion of the waters of the Murray River.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Statement of Balances of Appropriations of 1901-2 written off as savings on 30th June, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. COAL MINES REGULATION (SERVICE CERTIFICATES AND INSPECTION OF MINES) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896, relative to service certificates and the inspection of mines by the workers.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Thursday next.
(2.) Totalizator Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Wednesday next.

8. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Hogue, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

9. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—
(1.) Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902 ; to provide for lists and rolls of citizens for the year 1902 ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act*, 1902 ; *to provide for lists and rolls of citizens for the year* 1902 ; *and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Botanic Gardens, Domain, &c., &c.:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £17,406 was voted on the Estimates for last year for the Botanic Gardens, Government Domains, Garden Palace Ground, and Centennial Park?

(2.) What was the total sum expended on these pleasure grounds last year?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Treasurer paid from the Advance Vote for last year the sum of £879 for extra expenditure on these pleasure grounds?

(4.) Is it a fact that it is proposed to increase the Vote for the above from over £17,000 to over £19,000, or an increase of £1,922 over the Vote of last year, while it is proposed to reduce the Vote for country and suburban parks by nearly £10,000 this year?

(5.) Is it a fact that the country and suburban parks are to be reduced by nearly £10,000, and will that not make the sum granted for the whole of the country and suburban parks less than the four grounds named above?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) £17,519 was voted.

(2.) About £18,120.

(3, 4, and 5.) A large area of land having been taken from Government House grounds and added to the Botanic Gardens, it was considered very desirable that the same should be laid out in keeping with the other portions of the garden, and in having this work carried out an additional expenditure had to be incurred, and no Vote being available, it was absolutely necessary to pay it from the Advance Fund, in anticipation of Vote, in order to place the grounds in proper order.

(2.) Burdett Gold-field Reserve:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The area of the Burdett Gold-field Reserve, in the county of Ashburnham?

(2.) The area of the common, if any, attached to the same?

(3.) The number of claims that are at present in operation on the Burdett Reserve, and number of men employed?

(4.) Is this reserve under lease to anyone; if so, to whom, and at what rental?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Reserve from Conditional Purchase, notified 10th December, 1883, area 9,600 acres.

(2.) Temporary Common, notified 27th October, 1894, area 683 acres.

(3.) I am not aware of any claims in operation on the Burdett Gold-fields Reserve other than the Burdett gold-mining leases, the labour conditions on which are under suspension. Mine at present on tribute; eight men employed.

(4.) Partly held under Annual Lease 21,771, area 860 acres, parishes of Nangar and Toogong; lessee, William Irvine; rental, £14 6s. 8d.

(3.) Goodrich Gold-field Reserve:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The area of the Goodrich Gold-field Reserve, in the county of Gordon, and when it was proclaimed?

(2.) The number of claims that are at present in operation on the Goodrich Reserve; and number of miners employed?

(3.) Is the reserve under lease to anyone; if so, to whom, and at what rental?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Area 7½ square miles; notified 30th January, 1872.

(2.) Number of claims at present in operation, 5; number of miners employed, 8; and 1 prospecting.

(3.) Within Buckenbah resumed area 449, held by the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, under annual license; rental, £30 7s. 11d.

(4.) Payment of Crown Rents:—*Mr. Nicholson*, for Mr. Clara, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to grant, in all cases of distress, an extension of time for the payment of rents, extending twelve months, as applying to the Central Division?

(2.) Will he, in extreme cases, grant a remission of interest?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) In every case of distress reasonable time for payment will be granted.

(2.) I have no power.

(5.) Police Band:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Police band play at the conversazione at the Sydney University on the 1st October last; and, if so, by whose request, and by whom was the request granted?

(2.) Were the members of the band paid for their services; and, if so, what amount, and by whom?

(3.) Is it a fact that the time occupied by members of the band in any performance is counted as duty, and paid accordingly?

(4.) Is it a fact that members of the band individually object to this class of gratuitous engagement; and will he take steps to prevent them in future entering into competition with the professional musicians of the State?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes. The Band Committee desired to attend, and the Inspector-General approved.

(2.) No. They receive no remuneration under any circumstances.

(3.) The members of the band are allowed a trifling exemption from duty for practices, which would also apply to performances.

(4.) The band is never called upon to play unless by the desire of their own Committee of Management.

(6.) Foreman Carpenter, Hawkesbury Agricultural College:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Foreman Carpenter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College has been drawing plans and supervising work for private people?

(2.) Is he aware that this practice is not allowed, and that tradesmen and labourers complain of his action?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, with a view of stopping this practice?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The Foreman Carpenter supplies to farmers, orchardists, and others, as well as to the students and ex-students of the Hawkesbury College, plans and specifications for the construction of silos and farm buildings. A number of these plans also appear in the *Agricultural Gazette*. It is considered this is part of the officer's duties.

(2.) On a few occasions—not more than five or six—the foreman admits he furnished personal friends with plans and specifications for cottages, for which no charge was made. He also supplied the plans and specifications for additions to the local School of Arts and several churches, without fee or reward. In no instance has he supervised the work.

(3.) Instructions will be issued that in future plans or specifications for private buildings must not be supplied.

(7.) City Sewerage:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause a report to be made by the Department of Public Health, and laid upon the Table of this House, showing, by analysis, the different kind of bacteria or micro-organisms that are to be found in the city sewage?

(2.) By what means, if any, is the city sewer ventilated; and is there any means by which it can be ascertained that it is constantly flowing or being discharged?

(3.) The size or dimension of the city sewer, and out of what kind of material is the work constructed; its shape or form, and the cost of constructing the same; and the number of engines, if any, employed in pumping the sewage?

(4.) Are there any openings by means of which it can be periodically inspected?

(5.) What becomes of the sewage matter, and where or how is it discharged; and can any estimate be made of the quantity or tons that are discharged daily, weekly, or yearly?

(6.) The number of years since the present sewer was first constructed; and is it at the present time up to date and in proportion to the increasing rate of population of Sydney, &c., as in other large cities in other countries?

(7.) In what way is the sewage in the suburbs dealt with or got rid of?

(8.) Is any part of the sewage discharged into the Sydney Harbour or suburbs?

(9.) Will he ascertain what is the composition of air, and percentage of gases contained in the same, as ascertained by analysis, in the city sewer, and if rats can live in the polluted air; if so, how long?

(10.) Will he ascertain whether disease can be produced or spread from sewer gas as distinguished from sewage or polluted air; if so, the nature and classification of such diseases?

(11.) Will he consider whether it is possible and probable that the alleged outbreak of bubonic plague, or so-called rat plague, originated from defective and polluted exhalations arising from sewage loaded with endless amount of microbes or micro-organisms, and not in consequence of the presence or existence of rats?

Sir John See answered,—

(1, 9, and 10.) The air contained in the sewers of Sydney, as well as the microbes contained in the sewage of Sydney, do not differ in any material respect from the air and the microbes found in the sewers of other cities. They are described in the common text-books on sanitary science. That rats can live in the polluted airs of sewers is matter of common knowledge, there even being one kind of rat commonly known as the "sewer rat." That sewer gas can cause derangements of health, but not specific forms of disease, is an opinion commonly held by those who are acquainted with modern teaching on the various subjects concerned in its formation.

(2.) The city sewers, as well as those in the metropolitan area generally, are ventilated by means of brick shafts and subsidiary shafts composed of riveted steel tubes surmounted by cowls. The shafts are induct and exhaust; natural ventilation being adopted on the Plenum-vacuum system. Each shaft is kept under observation. The discharge of air in or out of sewer is ascertained by means of anemometers.

(3.) The size of the metropolitan sewers, which includes city system, vary from 8 feet 6 inches by 7 feet 6 inches down to 9 inches in diameter. They are constructed of brick, cement, concrete, and stoneware pipes; the form varies according to circumstances, oviform, circular, and the old city sewers segmental arch and invert. Capital cost of constructing same for the metropolitan area to 30th June last, £3,396,582. At present there are only two pumping installations at work, but others along the foreshores of the harbour are in process of completion.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The northern system discharges into the sea, the southern system is discharged into the Sewage Farm and treated by downward filtration, the western system the same as southern. On the northern side of the harbour the sewage is treated on the biological process, and the effluent is discharged in tidal estuaries.

(6.) The estimated quantity in gallons discharged is—northern system, into sea, 9,000,000 per day; southern system, 3,000,000 per day; and western system, 3,000,000 per day; and on the northern side of harbour, 250,000 per day.

(7.) Answered by No. 5.

(8.) Until the completion of the low-level system along the foreshores of the harbour, the portion of sewage below 40 feet contour is discharged into Sydney Harbour, but this is becoming a diminishing quantity.

(11.) Plague (or other form of specific disease) cannot be caused by exhalations from sewage.

(8.) Australian Beef and Mutton Shipped to England:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Can he furnish this House with any information as to the reason why Australian beef and mutton shipped to England is sold in the English market at half the price as the same articles at present realise in the State of New South Wales?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Quantities of Australian beef and mutton were, no doubt, purchased prior to the conditions of drought prevailing over portions of the pastoral lands of this State, and have probably been held in cold storage in Britain. The present high price of meat in this State is due to the scarcity of fat stock.

(9.) Little Bay Hospital Ambulance Van:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How often does the ambulance van or conveyance travel to and fro between Sydney and the Little Bay Hospital?

(2.) The number of patients that are conveyed thereby daily, weekly, or monthly; and the cost of the same to the State?

(3.) Will he consider whether it is not an unnecessary waste of public money keeping up this ambulance conveyance, seeing that there are plenty of hospitals in the city, and that the tramway runs from Sydney, &c., within a short distance from the Bay Hospital every two hours?

Sir John See answered,—The ambulance referred to ceased to run as soon as the tram became available.

(10.) Promotion of Mr. Draughtsman Burt:—*Mr. Fallick*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board promoted Mr. Draughtsman Burt over the heads of twenty officers?

(2.) Before so doing, were any steps taken to ascertain the qualifications of the men passed over?

(3.) Is it a fact that the officer in question is a relative of a high official in the Department?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the answer to the Question asked by the Honorable Member for Newcastle on the 8th instant.

(2.) The promotion was not made without taking into consideration the qualifications of the officers who were passed over.

(3.) Mr. Burt is a brother to Mr. Inspector Burt, of the Department of Lands.

(11.) Darling Harbour Resumptions:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any arrangements been made by the Treasurer to receive moneys paid to owners of resumed properties (Darling Harbour, &c.) on special deposit with the Government?

(2.) Have any moneys been so received; and, if so, from whom, and on what terms?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; several of the former property-owners have redeposited at 4 per cent. portions of the money payable to them, for terms of from three to five years.

(12.) Betting Shops:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the sum total of fines imposed on the keepers of betting shops for the past twelve months?

(2.) What sum has been paid in regard to such fines?

(3.) What sum or sums have been remitted, and the names of such persons?

(4.) What is the defect in the law that prevents the Police Department from closing gambling houses?

(5.) Will he take steps to alter the law to suppress such gambling places?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police District furnishes the replies to Questions 1, 2, and 3:—

(1.) £385.

(2.) £340.

(3.) £45. On account of conviction being quashed against James Henry Taylor and George Bond.

(4.) The difficulty is to obtain evidence.

(5.) The subject is under consideration.

(13.) Details of Savings on Appropriations:—Mr. Davidson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he give the details of savings on appropriations, £219,075 8s. 7d., as noted on page 13 of Ways and Means, 1902-3?

Mr. Waddell answered,—On Thursday last I laid upon the Table a return giving this information.

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

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 25th September, 1902,—"Certificated Mine Managers."

(2.) Statement, showing estimated number of sheep, number of ewes put to rams, and number of lambs marked in each sheep district at the 31st August, 1902, in connection with the Autumn Lambing Return.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Tuesday, the 7th October, 1902, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 28th October.

Question put and passed.

4. TRADE UNION AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act of 1881.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Trade Union Act*, 1881,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th December.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Belmore Division, Mr. Eden George, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The necessity of steps being taken to enable this State to secede from the Commonwealth, "owing to the bad and grossly unconstitutional administration of the Federal Government."

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

Mr. Eden George moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this subject could be discussed in Committee on the Financial Statement, and should, on that account, be ruled out of order now.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the only question he had to consider was, whether this matter could be discussed on the Financial Statement, or on some item in the Estimates. He confessed he was somewhat in doubt whether it could be fully and fairly dealt with in that way. The Honorable Member might meet with some difficulty, and as he thought it should be the Speaker's object to allow a full and free discussion, he would permit the Debate on this motion to proceed.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Affleck, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fegan, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Levy, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Norton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at eight minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Inferior Lands Lease, Parish of Bherwerre, County of St. Vincent:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any tender been accepted for an Inferior Lands Lease, parish of Bherwerre, county of St. Vincent, as advertised in *Government Gazette* of 30th August last?

(2.) If so, who is the successful tenderer; and what are the conditions of the lease, including rental to be paid?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The only tenderer was Mr. O. C. Beale. I will place on the Table a copy of the *Gazette* Notice offering the land to lease, which sets forth the conditions attached to the lease.

(2.) Dairy Stock Exported to Japan and South Africa:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that representatives from Japan and South Africa are now purchasing dairy stock in this State for exportation to those countries?

(2.) Have the Commercial Agents in Japan and at Capetown reported on the probability of trade in this direction?

(3.) If not, will he obtain such reports?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The Commercial Agent in Japan has reported that in the future there may be a trade worked up with that country. The Commercial Agent in South Africa was communicated with specially, and he replied that nothing would be done until certain experiments had been made at the Cape.

(3.) Railway Car used in conveying Madame Melba and Party from Albury:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners sent a special Pullman car to Albury for Madame Melba and party?

(2.) Was the said Pullman car provided by the Railway Commissioners free of charge, or was it paid for at the usual rate for ordinary passengers; or, if not so, at what rates was the party brought to Sydney?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a Pullman car was reserved for Madame Melba and party.

(2.) Each passenger was paid for.

(4.) Appointment of Mr. Berckelman as Secretary to Tender Board:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Berckelman has been appointed Secretary of the Tender Board?

(2.) If so, what salary is he to receive?

(3.) If such appointment has been made, was there no officer in the immediate Department qualified for the position and entitled to the promotion?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) £500 per annum.
(3.) There is no officer in the immediate Department who was considered so suitable as Mr. Berckelman for this particular position, in which Mr. Berckelman has had previous experience. By the appointment of Mr. Berckelman, a substantial saving has been effected.

(5.) Reduction of Members:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—That in view of the promise made by him to a deputation recently, introduced by the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, on the question of reduction of Members, will he take steps to fulfil that promise by introducing legislation during the current Session by bringing in a Bill to elect a convention to deal with the whole question of constitutional reform, the determination of the said convention to be submitted to a referendum of the people for their approval?

Sir John See answered,—If time will permit, the Government intend to deal with this question this Session.

(6.) Tender Papers for the Supply of Explosives for 1901-2:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the Tender Papers, together with reports and correspondence, in connection with the supply of explosives during the year 1901-2, under the Public Service Tender Board?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes; within the next few days.

(7.) Compilation of the Roll for Women's Franchise:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—That in view of the dearth of clerical employment, will the Government consider the advisableness of entrusting the compilation of the roll for the women's franchise to unemployed clerks in the respective constituencies?

Sir John See answered,—The police throughout the State have already been notified by the Inspector-General of Police to hold themselves in readiness to collect the lists referred to. Indexed books, with instructions attached, have been prepared for every division of the electorates of the State; of which there are 445, and will be despatched this week to the officers in charge of the various head-centres for distribution to collectors chosen from the best men in the Police Force, whose previous experience, knowledge of boundaries, and the qualifications of electors under the Electoral Act, greatly facilitate the work in connection with the collection of Electoral Lists. The police make a collection annually, and are capable of making it in the most thorough manner at the least expense to the country, and it is not considered advisable to entrust the work to others.

(8.) Darling Harbour and Rocks Resumptions:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Wood, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What was the total revenue derived up to the 30th June last from all sources (tonnage, wharfs, tolls, rents, &c.) from properties within the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumed areas?
(2.) What amount of interest was paid up to the 30th June last in connection with the resumption of properties in the abovementioned areas?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) £435,073 5s. 2d.
(2.) £110,856.

(9.) Explosives used by the Government:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In view of several accidents while using dynamite, reported in the daily papers recently, will he inform this House whether any German dynamite is used by the Government; and, if so, what trials have been made of German or other foreign explosives against locally-made explosives?
(2.) Does the Government pay a much higher price for the imported explosives than it does for the locally made?
(3.) Have any tests been made recently of local explosives by a Government Department; and, if so, what were the results?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) I am informed that there is no official information in the Department in regard to accidents through the use of dynamite, and the officials are not aware where the explosives used are manufactured.
(2.) No.
(3.) Tests have been made of samples of each of the explosives offered under the Annual Contract. Particulars of the tests will be laid on the Table if moved for in the usual manner.

(10.) Quotation Papers for the Supply of Rackarock:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the Quotation Papers, including correspondence, reports, and tests, for the supply of rackarock from July until September, 1901?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There is no objection to these papers being laid on the Table if moved for in the usual manner.

(11.) Mechanics and Labourers, Sydney Harbour Trust:—*Mr. McNeill*, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number of mechanics and labourers, unionists and non-unionists, employed by the Harbour Trust; and the wages paid to the same?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

(12.) Weirs in the Districts of Parkes, Forbes, and Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of weirs that have been erected in the district of Parkes and Forbes during the last five or six years, and the cost of each respectively; and the amount of revenue, if any, derived from the same?

(2.) Will he state, for the information of this House, the amount of public money that has been expended in the erection of weirs in the Molong District during the same period; furnishing a list of such works respectively, and the amount expended on each, if any?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Eight small weirs on creeks in vicinity of Parkes have been constructed. The actual cost of each can only be obtained by reference to the local officer, but it may be approximately stated as £100 each. No revenue is derived from them up to date, but it will be later on.

(2.) No expenditure has so far been made in erection of weirs in Molong District. If the honorable gentleman will give me one or two places, I shall be glad to put some weirs up for him.

(13.) Private Wharfs within the Sydney Harbour Trust Area:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of private wharfs that are at present in existence within the Sydney Harbour Trust area or the foreshores of the harbour in the city?

(2.) The amount of revenue, if any, that the State derives annually from these private wharfs; and the amount of space each occupies respectively on the Sydney Harbour Trust area or foreshores?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(14.) Land on the Mercadool Holding for Settlement:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of the land on the Mercadool holding that has lately been notified in the *Gazette* as available for selection and settlement on the 13th November next?

(2.) The number and area of each block respectively; and will he, for the information of this House and the country, state the price per acre or capital value put upon such land that is to be offered for settlement on that date?

(3.) Is it not a fact that on Polly Brewan station, in Walgett District, several blocks of land are available at a capital value of £1 5s. per acre, while the same land offered for settlement on the 13th November the capital value has been fixed at double the price per acre, and how can he account for this anomaly in the price of land?

(4.) On the same station, Polly Brewan, is he aware that recently 15,000 acres were put up as a scrub lease, and purchased by the lessees, Messrs. Barton and Taylor, at a rental of £34 per annum?

(5.) In the interest of *bonâ fide* settlement and the settlement of a yeomanry class on the soil, will he see that immediate steps are taken to have the capital value of the land on the Mercadool holding, that has been notified in the *Gazette* as available for settlement, reduced to half the capital value, in order that poor persons in that district may be enabled to secure a home for themselves and their families on the waste lands of the Crown?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) 52,183 acres.

(2.) Portion 18, 5,130 acres, parish of Manilla, £2 per acre; portion 10, 6,032 acres, parish of Buriembri, £2 per acre; portion 17, 5,077 acres, parish of Denuleroi, £2 per acre; portion 18, 5,118 acres, parish of Denuleroi, £2 per acre; portion 15, 5,135 acres, parish of Cabul, £2 per acre; portion 16, 5,190 acres, parish of Cabul, £2 per acre; portion 19, 5,120 acres, parish of Pagan, £2 per acre; portion 20, 5,143 acres, parish of Pagan, £2 per acre; portion 28, 5,118 acres, parish of Mungerarra, £2 per acre; portion 29, 5,120 acres, parish of Mungerarra, £2 per acre.

(3.) Three farms, containing 4,649, 4,213, and 4,211 acres, on Polly Brewan have been made available at £1 6s. and £1 5s. per acre; but this land is reported to be liable to inundation, and is understood to be of less value than that on Mercadool holding.

(4.) Messrs. Barton and Taylor hold a scrub lease of 15,500 acres on Polly Brewan holding at an annual rental of £32 5s. 10d.

(5.) The rent of the land, as advertised, is 6d. per acre, and my honorable colleague thinks the State should, if possible, get this rent.

(15.) Collection of the Rolls for Women's Franchise:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the increased number of burglaries in the city and suburbs requiring the full strength of the force to be kept on duty, especially at night-time, will he consider the expediency of having the rolls collected in connection with the woman's franchise by those other than the police?

(2.) In view of the large number of unemployed but capable men who are not fit for manual labour, and who would be only too glad to undertake this kind of work at a moderate wage, will he consider the advisability of giving such men the opportunity of collecting the rolls, thereby giving employment to a large number of needy men?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The police reports show that there has been no increase of burglaries or any crime in the metropolitan district of late, but the reverse.

(2.) I desire to refer the Honorable Member to the reply given in answer to Question No. 7.

(16.) Establishment of a Standard Fruit-case:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does he intend to bring in a Bill during the present Session to establish a standard fruit-case?

Mr. Kidd answered,—A Bill has been prepared, but it is not probable there will be time this Session to introduce it.

(17.) Glebe Island Abattoirs :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended that steps be taken this Session to carry into effect the proposed removal of the abattoirs from Glebe Island to Homebush?

(2.) Has the matter of vesting the abattoirs in the City Council received the consideration of the Cabinet; and, if so, what decision has been arrived at?

Sir John See answered,—The Government have not arrived at a determination with regard to this matter. It is a very important question, and one involving large considerations. I do not want to arrive at a conclusion hastily. My disposition is to do something during this Session in regard to the matter.

(18.) Increases to Salaries of Public Servants :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the return sent to him by the Public Service Board in June last regarding the increases to the salaries of the Public Service, as named by Mr. Affleck when the last Estimates were before the House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am having this paper looked up, and would be glad if the Honorable Member would postpone this Question until to-morrow.

2. Totalizator Bill :—Mr. Dight presented a Petition from the adherents of, and worshippers in the Methodist Church, Singleton, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the proposal to legalise gambling; that the introduction of the Totalizator would result in an increase of betting and the demoralisation of our youth; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may not become law. Petition received.

3. Papers :—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1902.

(2.) Return showing the total expenditure on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries in the Metropolitan District proper for 1901-1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Gazette Notice* respecting a tender for a lease, under section 37 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, of Inferior Crown Lands, parish of Bherwerre, Land District of Nowra.

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

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

(4.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Eight-hour System on the Railways and Tramways.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Dismissal of Mr. James Stephen Inch from the Public Service :—Mr. Fegan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the question of printing certain further papers respecting the dismissal of Mr. James Stephen Inch from the Public Service, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 27th August, be referred back to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.

Question put and passed.

5. Pastures Protection Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

6. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2) [*Formal Motion*] :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894.

Question put and passed.

7. Eddy Orphanage Bill :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council, having appointed a Select Committee on the "Eddy Orphanage Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine Robert Hollis, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15*th October*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Sir John See moved, That Robert Hollis, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Eddy Orphanage Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for Robert Hollis, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Eddy Orphanage Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th October, 1902.

8. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act*, 1902; *to provide for lists and rolls of citizens for the year* 1902; *and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act*, 1902; *to provide for lists and rolls of citizens for the year* 1902; *and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th October, 1902.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

10. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act*, 1902; *to provide for lists and rolls of citizens for the year* 1902; *and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th October, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Edden, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Hollis, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Latimer, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Perry, Mr. Sleath, and Mr. J. F. Smith,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Interpretation of Clause 3 of the Medical Act :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has the Medical Board so interpreted clause 3 of the Medical Act, amended in December, 1900, to mean that a "due course of study" shall be a full course of three years, as provided for in the main Act?
(2.) Is it a fact that, although persons have been registered by the Board who have not fulfilled the full term of three years, others in a similar position have been refused registration?
(3.) In justice to those whom the Act above referred to was alleged to be intended to benefit, will the Medical Board submit the matter for the opinion of the Attorney-General as to their interpretation of the clause above referred to?

Sir John See answered,—The Secretary of the Medical Board has furnished me with the following replies :—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) No.
(3.) There is no necessity for any such reference.

(2.) Police on Night Duty in one of the Suburbs :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that in one of the suburbs close to the city, six police are ordinarily allotted for night duty, but owing to the sickness of four of them, only two have been on duty for some weeks past?
(2.) As several burglaries have occurred in this particular suburb, sometimes two in one night, will he make inquiries as to the fact or otherwise of only two men being in charge of the whole of the district, with the view of remedying this state of things?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—Such is not the case as regards the suburb believed to be referred to. The force, usually six, was only five for a time, and the sergeant who was on the sick-list returned to duty on the 13th. Only two burglaries have been reported in this suburb during the past six months.

(3.) New Hartley Company's Shale Works :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken to bring under the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court the dispute for some time past existing between the miners at the New Hartley Company's Shale Works and the proprietary thereof?
(2.) If not, will he cause the Registrar of the Arbitration Court to institute inquiries in regard to the matter above referred to?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information :—The Secretary of the Coal and Shale Miners Mutual Protective Association, Airlie, has been supplied by the Registrar under the Industrial Arbitration Act with all necessary forms and information for the purpose of referring the dispute to the Court, and action is now being taken to that end.

(4.) Increases to Salaries of Public Servants :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the return sent to him by the Public Service Board in June last regarding the increases to the salaries of the Public Service, as named by Mr. Affleck when the last Estimates were before the House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay this return upon the Table.

(5.) Naked Lights in Collieries:—Mr. Estell asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that exemptions have been granted to several colliery proprietors to use naked lights in collieries other than in the working faces, where safety lamps have been forced on the miners to work with?

Mr. Kidd answered,—It is a fact that in some of the collieries in the north where the safety lamps are used in the workings and return air-ways, the management allow the use of naked lights on the main intake air-ways, and as this does not involve a breach of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, the Department cannot reasonably object. However, I have already given notice of a Bill to amend the Act with respect to the use of safety lamps and explosives.

(6.) Advertising Bureau, Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When was the advertising bureau in connection with the Government Printing Office established; and what has been the cost of maintenance and management since such establishment giving each year respectively?

(2.) What amount has been expended in advertising in the New South Wales Press since the establishment of the bureau, stating each year separately?

(3.) What amount was expended in Government advertising in the New South Wales Press each year respectively for the five years preceding the establishment of the Government Advertising Bureau?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving this information.

(3.) I will endeavour to obtain this information, and lay it upon the Table in the form of a return.

(7.) Mr. Adam Brooks, Hawkesbury Agricultural College:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What position does Mr. Adam Brooks occupy at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College; what are his duties; and what is his salary?

(2.) Does not Mr. Brooks, in addition to performing his ordinary duties, design, in his own time, all buildings, &c., erected on the College property; and does he not thus effect a great saving to the Department?

(3.) Will he consider the question of so raising the salary of Mr. Brooks as to make it commensurate with the importance of the position which he holds?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Mr. Brooks occupies the position of Works Overseer, Hawkesbury Agricultural College. His duties comprise those of Foreman Carpenter, Instructor to the students in carpentering, and the designing and supervision of the erection of a number of buildings on the farm. His salary is £180 per annum and residence.

(2.) See No. 1.

(3.) The Public Service Board have approved of Mr. Brooks' salary being raised to £200 per annum and residence, subject to the necessary funds being provided.

(8.) Expenditure on Public Roads:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the amount spent on roads alone during 1901–1902?

Mr. Perry answered,—£554,398.

(9.) Introduction of a Land Boiler Regulation and Inspection Bill:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is there a possibility of the Land Boiler Regulation and Inspection Bill being dealt with this Session?

(2.) Is he aware that a Bill of this kind has been before this House since 1891?

(3.) Will he fix a date when the House will have an opportunity of dealing with the question?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Bill is down for Second Reading on the Business Paper of the House.

(2.) Yes, in various forms.

(3.) A date cannot be definitely fixed, but the Bill will be proceeded with as early as possible—I hope this Session.

(10.) Introduction of a Scaffolding and Lifts Bill:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the necessity of dealing with the Scaffolding and Lifts Bill?

Sir John See answered,—Yes.

2. Coal Mines Regulation (Certificates of Service and Inspection of Mines) Amendment Bill:—Mr. Estell, pursuant to leave granted on 9th October, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of* 1896 *relative to service certificates and the inspection of mines by the workers*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th November.

3. Papers:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the increases to the salaries for 1900–1 and 1901–2 of the Public Service.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return respecting cost of Government advertisements since the establishment of the Government Advertising Bureau.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Wednesday next.

(2.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. Affleck, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House. to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "statement made by Mr. Waddell, in that the statement I made respecting what I said in regard "to the addition of £136,000 to the salaries last year was incorrect."

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

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Norton submitted that as this subject could properly be discussed in the Committee of Ways and Means during the Debate on the Financial Statement, it was now out of order.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection.

6. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Motion made (*Sir John See*), and Question proposed,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Wood, under Standing Order No. 335, moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,—"That this House is of opinion that, inasmuch as the Government has availed itself of the "advantages of the Treasury Deficiency Acts of 1900 and 1901, the obligations of these Acts "should be met, in order that neither the public credit shall suffer, nor the authority of Parliament "be disregarded, nor a breach of faith be permitted with the depositors of the Government Savings "Bank, whose funds the Treasurer, as trustee, has invested in the Treasury Bills issued under the "said Acts to the extent of £755,000, with a currency of eight years."

Question put, on Mr. Wood's motion.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.	Noes, 51.	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Brunker,	Sir John See,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Young,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Wood.	Mr. Williams,	
Tellers,	Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Cohen.	Mr. Law,	
	Mr. Quirk	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 *OCTOBER*, 1902, A.M.

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1902–3, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £985, for Executive Council, for the year 1902-3.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Six o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 149.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act*, 1902; *to provide for lists and rolls of citizens for the year* 1902; *and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and now transmits it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 18*th October*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Parramatta Asylum:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the Parramatta Asylum for the Aged Poor, the decrepid and infirm are compelled to work for the Superintendent in and about the household; if so, is any remuneration paid them?

(2.) What is the average cost per week for each inmate; and is any money paid to inmate artisans for work done at the Asylum?

(3.) Are there any restrictions in the Public Service Board regulations as to both husband and wife being employed in the same institution above a certain rate; if so, what are they?

(4.) What are the names of those gentlemen comprising the Parramatta Old-age Pensions Board; and what are the fees payable thereto?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Approximately ten shillings (10s.); yes, as gratuities.

(3.) No.

(4.) The Parramatta District Board for Old-age Pensions is composed of Messrs. E. Hanson (Chairman), H. Baylis and Dr. W. S. Brown (Members). The fee payable to each member of the Board, other than Mr. Hanson, is £1 1s. for every attendance at a meeting of the Board. Mr. Hanson, who holds the position of Chairman in conjunction with that of Director of Government Asylums for the Infirm, does not receive any fees.

(2.) Model Lodging-house, Kent-street:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners have taken over the Model Lodging-house, Kent-street?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Commissioners to continue the premises as a lodging-house?

(3.) Will the Commissioners favourably consider the advisability of raising the wages of the wardsmen there?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished the following answers:—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The question of the salaries of the employees is now under consideration.

(3.) Claim of Comte de Rossi against the Government:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—In regard to a previous Question and reply, in which the Crown admits that there is a case for a jury to deal with Comte de Rossi's claim, and are willing to withdraw its plea of the Statute of Limitations if security for costs is given; and as the Comte de Rossi is a resident of this State, under what law do the Crown require security for costs?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—The Crown, so far from admitting that there is a case to go to the jury, is confident that there is none. Accordingly, the Statute of Limitations was pleaded to avoid the waste of public money in a fruitless lawsuit. If, however, security for costs be given, the public money will not be risked, and, therefore, as a concession, the Crown will waive the Statute on such security being given.

(4.) Covering over Garbage:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Carroll, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What depth of sand covering is required by the Board of Health over garbage?
(2.) What depth of clay covering is required by the Board of Health over garbage?

Sir John See answered,—The Board of Health has furnished the following information:—No fixed depths—the covering must be of the depth necessary under various circumstances to prevent danger and nuisance.

(5.) Government Astronomer and Meteorologist:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Will he cause the Government Astronomer and Meteorologist to furnish to this House some scientific information (approximate, direct or indirect, or otherwise) as to the cause of the phenomenal meteorological perturbation and continued cycle of wet weather that has been experienced in the northern hemisphere during the present summer and harvest season, compared with the drought-stricken land and devastating dry seasons from which the southern hemisphere has been suffering during the same period?
(2.) The number of hands that are engaged in this work yearly, and cost of furnishing the public with weather forecasts; and whether the forecasts are not simply information sent by telegraph wire, and not founded on true scientific principles?
(3.) Will he state what real service or benefit stock-owners, farmers, and the public have derived from these barren weather forecasts, and the number of instances in which they have proved to be correct?
(4.) Will the Government see the advisability of having the office abolished, and the compilation of all telegrams received about the weather registered, so that the public in future may know the difference between dry formula and genuine scientific information?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Government Astronomer has furnished the following replies:—
(1.) The Weather Departments of different countries are isolated. They are complete in their own countries, but they have not combined, owing to the heavy cost of forecasting for the world. New South Wales is the only country where the weather is forecasted years in advance, as I have done since early in 1901.
(2.) Two clerks—Mr. Hunt, £300; Mr. Wilson, £200; and two boys at £52 each. Inland there are thirty-one meteorological stations. They were established to determine climatic conditions; latterly they have furnished observations for the weather forecasting. Of the forecasting, 92 per cent. are correct.
(3.) A great number of careful observers regularly study the forecasts, and thank me for the success of our forecasts.
(4.) New South Wales Meteorological Stations, as well as those of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, are now in the hands of the Federal Government.

(6.) Western Lands Commission:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) How long is it since the members of the Western Lands Commission were appointed?
(2.) What work, if any, have they done since they were appointed, and the nature of the work, they have performed?
(3.) Have they, since their appointment, inspected and fixed the rental of any of the runs in the Western District; if so, how many?
(4.) What rent, if any, have these runs in the Western District contributed to the Consolidated Revenue during the last ten years?
(5.) Has it not been found to be a waste of time and public money to ask these Commissioners to fix the rents of runs in the Western Division where there is little or no regular rainfall?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The appointments dated from the 1st January, 1902.
(2, 3, 4, and 5) The Western Lands Commissioners have been fully engaged in discharging the duties imposed by the Act. Should the Honorable Member require the full and, I think, unnecessary details of all these Questions, I must ask him to move for a return in the usual way.

(7.) Crown Lands in Eastern Division Applied for by Speculators:—*Mr. Whiddon*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Does he know, or has it been brought within the cognizance of any officers of his Department, that land in favoured districts in the Eastern Division has been applied for under conditional purchase and conditional lease by speculators, who have immediately let such land for pasture purposes to owners of starving stock; and before confirmation of such land to them, have withdrawn their applications and applied for refund of their deposits?
(2.) If such a condition of things does exist or has existed, is he favourable to such refund being made?
(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be instituted of his officers in the several land districts in the Eastern Division with the object of ascertaining whether any such speculation in land for the purposes indicated has taken place?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1 and 2.) I understand that a number of conditional purchases and conditional leases have been applied for in the Eastern Division. Applications for these holdings are dealt with by the Local Land Boards, who are required by section 42 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 to disallow any application if not satisfied that the sole object of the applicant is to obtain the land in order to hold and use it for his own exclusive benefit, according to law. Section 15 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 contains a provision for the withdrawal of an application, and entitles the Land Board to deduct from the deposit an amount to cover expenses.
(3.) I will make inquiry.

(8.) Promotion of Mr. Draughtsman Burt:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to answer to Question No. 10, asked by Mr. Lonsdale on 14th October,—
(1.) Was a competitive examination held, open to the draughtsmen of the Service, prior to Mr. Burt's appointment?
(2.) Did Mr. Burt come out first?
(3.) If such examination was not held, how were Mr. Burt's superior qualifications ascertained?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Mr. Burt came first in his examination, but this examination did not arise in connection with his recent promotion, which was the result of an appeal against the regrading of the Public Service Board. A competitive examination was not required. The Honorable Member is at liberty to see the papers in the case if he so desires. It may be mentioned that Mr. Burt is in the Moree District, and only recently promotion was offered in the same district, but out of seventeen officers in Sydney, including nine of those passed over, not one is willing to take promotion in that district.

(9.) Appointment of Mr. Berckelman as Secretary to Tender Board:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the answer to Question No. 4, as to Mr. Berckelman's appointment, in reply to Mr. Lonsdale, on 15th October,—
(1.) What salary did Mr. Berckelman receive when he previously occupied the position of Secretary to the Tender Board?
(2.) Were the duties he then performed the same as he will now perform?
(3.) If not, what will his duties be?
(4.) What substantial saving has been effected by Mr. Berckelman's appointment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) £300 per annum.
(2 and 3.) Mr. Berckelman formerly occupied the position of Secretary only. He has now been appointed Secretary and Executive Member of the Board, a position carrying more important duties and much greater responsibility.
(4.) £250 per annum, viz., £100 on the salary of the position of Secretary and Executive Member, and £150 on the salary of the position of Special Clerk to the Honorable the Premier.

(10.) Money Voted for Returned Contingents:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has the whole of the amount of £32,000, voted last year for the returned contingents, been expended?
(2.) If so, in what manner; and what contingents were paid?
(3.) Will he furnish the particulars of the payments?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) The whole sum has been expended in accordance with the terms of the Vote.
(2 and 3.) To supply the details asked for would involve considerable time and expense, but if the Honorable Member will indicate the special items which he desires to have elucidated, I will either supply them or afford him an opportunity of personally inspecting the books and accounts.

(11.) Railway Station at Hawkesbury River:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the present railway station at the Hawkesbury River is in a condition altogether inadequate for the requirements of the traffic?
(2.) Will the Railway Commissioners take immediate steps to improve the accommodation at this station?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) It is recognised that additional accommodation is required.
(2.) The matter has been under consideration for some little time, but has been withheld in view of the necessity for economy. As the requirements, however, demanded more accommodation, the Commissioners recently approved of plans and expenditure for new station buildings.

(12.) Free Railway Passes to Agricultural Judges:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any decision been arrived at as to the application of the Agricultural Societies of New South Wales that free passes be granted to judges for travelling on the railways?

Sir John See answered,—It has been decided, in view of the necessity for keeping the expenditure in connection with Agricultural Societies within reasonable bounds, that free passes cannot be granted to judges travelling on the railways to Agricultural Shows.

(13.) State Members as Candidates for the Federal Parliament:—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the clause in the Federal Electoral Bill, precluding State Members of Parliament from candidature for the Federal Parliament, is not *ultra vires* of the Commonwealth Constitution Act?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has informed me that this is a matter for judicial determination.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for widening Victoria-street, Marrickville.

(2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1902–3.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Statement of Amounts granted by the Government for Public Works, viz., Roads, Bridges, and Public Watering-places, in each Electoral District of New South Wales since 23rd July, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "vexatious and harassing administration of Federal laws in the State of New South Wales."

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

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Affleck, referring to the motion for adjournment on the subject of the necessity for this State to secede from the Commonwealth owing to the unconstitutional administration of the Federal Government, moved by Mr. Eden George on Tuesday, 14th October instant, pointed out the similarity of this motion, and submitted that, if allowed, it would cause a repetition of that Debate.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the question he had to consider was whether the motion proposed by the Honorable Member for The Tweed would practically raise the same discussion as that resulting from the motion of the Honorable Member for Belmore, Mr. Eden George. After reading the two motions carefully, he had come to the conclusion that this motion would practically raise the same Debate, and he, therefore, ruled it out of order.

5. METHODIST UNION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

6. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Affleck, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday, for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday, for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects.

On motion of Mr. Affleck, the resolution was read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Affleck moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 17.
Mr. Morton,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Fegan.	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Jessep,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Latimer.	Mr. Miller,
Mr. John Hurley,		Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Oakes,		Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Young,		*Tellers*,
Mr. Jones,		Mr. Power,
Mr. D. R. Hall,		Mr. Daley.
Mr. Webster,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the better observance of the Sunday, for the closing of business places, and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours; to amend the Liquor Act*, 1898; *and for purposes incidental to, or consequent on, those objects*,"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 17.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Young.	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Cann,		Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. John Hurley.	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Levien,
Mr. Latimer,		Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Oakes,		Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Fegan,		*Tellers*,
Mr. Evans,		
Mr. McCoy,		Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Brunker,		Mr. Burgess.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Affleck then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th November.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Power,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Daley.
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. John Storey.	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Evans,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. McCoy,		Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Jessep.	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Cann,		Mr. Byrne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. Dismissal of James Stephen Inch from the Public Service:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith,—

"(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances "connected with the alleged improper conduct of an inquiry by the Public Service Board, which "resulted in the removal from the Public Service of James Stephen Inch.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Young, "Mr. Millard, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Archer, Mr. Haynes, and the Mover,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 *OCTOBER*, 1902, A.M.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Ashton, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Millard, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Power, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Waddell,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at sixteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Action against P. D. Basser:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that one P. D. Basser has been ruined through the police making inquiries of his customers at Newcastle, having the goods he had purchased and sold put aside, and telling them that they were going to take out a warrant for the arrest of the said Mr. Basser?

(2.) Was an information laid in or about October last against the said Mr. Basser; and, if so, by whom?

(3.) Was a warrant taken out against the said Mr. Basser; if so, why was it not executed?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that the above Questions cannot be answered without obtaining further information from Newcastle. A report has been asked for.

(2.) Hours of Labour of Men Working at Bores:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the fact that the men working on the whole of the bores at present being put down for the Government by contractors are compelled to work twelve hours per shift, is it a fact that the terms of contract, part 5, fix eight hours as a day's work?

(2.) Will he at once enforce this clause of the contract, as promised in reply to a Question asked by Mr. Nielsen some time ago?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Clause 23, section 5, provides that forty-eight hours shall be considered as a week's work, with certain exceptions which, in special cases, shall be determined by the Superintending Officer.

(2.) My honorable colleague informed the Honorable Member on the 28th August, in reply to a similar Question, that there was no information in the Department to show that men were compelled to work twelve hours a day; but that if definite complaints from the men with respect to any particular contract were received, consideration would be given to enforcing the conditions of contract, and at the same time the men will be protected. Since then no such complaints have been received, so I am unable to take any action in respect thereof.

(3.) Employees under Day-labour System, New Railway Station:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men are employed under the day-labour system on the new railway station ground and approaches?

(2.) What was the total sum paid to the men employed on the new railway station ground and approaches as wages for the month of September?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) 371.

(2.) £3,062 16s. 9d.

(4.) Botanic Gardens, Government Domains, &c.:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are asking to be voted on the present Estimates a larger sum of money for the Botanic Gardens, Government Domains, Garden Palace Ground, and Centennial Park than for the whole of the suburban and country parks together?

(2.) What is the amount asked for, for the four grounds abovenamed, in excess of the sum for the whole of the suburban and country parks together?

(3.) Will he consider whether this is doing justice to the country districts?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) Nil.

(5.) Dairy Industry Bill:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, in consideration of the opposition by dairy farmers to the Dairies Supervision Bill, postpone such measure until next Session?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I have already announced that I will delay the second reading until next month.

(6.) Lake George:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) With the view of bringing the area of 30,000 acres, known as Lake George, under closer settlement, will he make inquiries as to probable cost of drainage?
(2.) Is he aware that as far back as 1838 splendid crops of wheat were grown in the bed of such lake?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) My honorable colleague understands that an officer of the Works Department has been instructed to report on the question of draining the lake.
(2.) He was not aware.

(7.) Rabbit Act—Leases in Central Division:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) How long is it since the Rabbit Act was passed?
(2.) What is the cause of the delay in bringing it into operation?
(3.) How long is it since the leases in the Central Division expired?
(4.) Has he any intention of dealing with the Central Division leases by an amending Land Bill or otherwise; if so, when?
(5.) How are the leases in the Central Division at present occupied; by whom; and under what Act?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1 and 2.) Since the 15th January, 1902. It came into operation on the 1st May, 1902. The Rabbit Boards were, for the most part, elected during June and July, 1902.
(3, 4, and 5.) The majority of the Pastoral Leases expired about July, 1900, though a few are in existence still. On the expiration of the leases the outgoing lessees were entitled to hold the land under occupation license, but their occupation is superseded when the lands are taken up under conditional purchase, homestead selection, settlement lease, &c. An amending Land Bill would necessarily affect both the Central and Eastern Divisions, but pending the passing of that Bill the provisions of the existing Acts apply.

(8.) Mount Kembla Explosion:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—In reference to the explosion and coal-mining disaster that recently took place at Mount Kembla, in which a large number of valuable lives were lost, can he inform this House of the number of witnesses that were subpœnaed or attended to give evidence before the Coroner's Court that sat to investigate the case, and what was the nature and result of the verdict recorded by the jury on that occasion?

Mr. Kidd answered,—(*a*) The number of witnesses was twenty-eight. (*b*) The verdict of the jury was as follows:—"That the deceased William Meurant, Henry Meurant, and William "Nelson died at Mount Kembla mine, in the county of Camden, and State of New South Wales, "on the 31st day of July last, from carbon monoxide poison, produced by an explosion of "fire-damp ignited by the naked lights in use in the mine, and accelerated by a series of coal-dust "explosions, starting at a point in or about the No. 1 main level back headings, and extending in "a westerly direction to the small goaf marked 11 perches on the mine plan."

(9.) Coal Mines of the State:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Can he furnish this House with any information as to the present selling rate of coal per ton at Newcastle, Lithgow, and at the collieries on the South Coast, or Illawarra District, at the pit mouth, or when put on railway trucks, or on ship-board?
(2.) Is there any difference in the hewing or average rate of wages paid to coal-miners per ton by coal-mining proprietors and those engaged in this occupation in the State of New South Wales compared with coal-miners and mine-owners engaged in a similar occupation in Scotland, England, and Wales; if so, what is the difference?
(3.) Will he ascertain whether the occupation of coal-mining as carried on in New South Wales is attended with any greater risk or danger to human life compared with coal-mining as it exists and is carried on in Scotland, England, and Wales; and also what these extra risks or dangers consist of?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Present prices are about as follow:—Newcastle: At Government cranes, 11s. per ton (best), 5s. 6d. per ton (small). South or Illawarra: At jetty, 9s. 6d. per ton (best), 5s. per ton (small). Western: In trucks at pit, 6s. per ton (best), 2s. 9d. per ton (small).
(2.) As the wages rates in Great Britain have varied so much recently, information as to the hewing rates per ton at the present time is not available; comparison cannot therefore be made.
(3.) For the twenty years ending 31st December, 1901, the death rate per million tons of mineral raised in Great Britain and Ireland amounted to 5·26, whilst for the same period in New South Wales it amounted to 5·63. On this basis, therefore, coal-mining is responsible for a greater loss of life in New South Wales than in Great Britain. The risks or dangers of coal-mining in this State are not greater than in Great Britain, but the average greater loss of life shown may be accounted for by the fact that mining methods here are not so advanced as in Great Britain, and this is due to the fact that mining in New South Wales has only been carried on for about fifty years, whilst in Great Britain it has been going on for several centuries.

(10.) Electric Trams:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to the excessive height of the electric tram steps, making it practically impossible for elderly people to use the trams?
(2.) Will he consult the Railway Commissioners and urge the lowering of these steps?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is admitted that the side-entrance cars are somewhat difficult for elderly people to enter, and the matter has continually engaged the consideration of the Commissioners. They inform me that it has not been practicable to arrange for lower steps on cars with side entrances, owing to the gearing under the vehicles. The same difficulty is experienced in other parts of the world, and, so far, no satisfactory remedy has been found.

(11.) Rate Papers Issued to Tenants of the Harbour Trust:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Municipal Council of Sydney is issuing peremptory notices, requesting payment of city rates, on all the tenants of the Harbour Trust?

(2.) Who has to pay these rates, as, if the Council take extreme steps, trouble is likely to ensue?

Sir John See answered,—It is quite true that such notices have been issued by the City Council to the tenants of the Trust; but the Commissioners have arranged that further action shall not be taken this week. This will enable the Commisioners to complete the lists which are being prepared for the purpose of showing what rates are payable by the Trust and what by the lessees and other tenants, and in what cases rates are not payable. The legal position of the Trust in this matter of rates was not at all clear until quite recently; in fact, an important point still remains to be decided. But those tenants who, under the ordinary conditions of occupation, are exempt from the payment of rates will not be inconvenienced.

(12.) Commissioners for Affidavits—Mr. H. Darley:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Commissioners for Affidavits have been appointed since the departure from this State of Chief Justice Darley?

(2.) Is Mr. H. Darley still assisting with his advice the Associate to the Acting Chief Justice?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Twelve Commissioners have been appointed, and fifteen applications for appointment have been refused.

(2.) Mr. Darley resigned his position as Associate to the Chief Justice on the 16th September last.

(13.) Fees Payable to Medical Witnesses at Inquests:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any regulation yet been approved by the Executive Council to permit of the increase of the scale of fees payable to medical witnesses at inquests?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that medical witnesses in the country are compelled to attend when called upon, and to travel without adequate fee, under pain of fine or imprisonment, to remote portions of the respective districts?

(3.) If the existing regulations have not yet been amended, will he take steps to have same attended to at once?

Sir John See answered,—An amended scale, which would have the effect contemplated in the Question, has been drafted by the Chief Medical Officer of the Goverment and is now under consideration.

(14.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many inspectors are employed at Glebe Island; and what has been the average daily slaughtering for the past month of (*a*) cattle; (*b*) sheep; and (*c*) pigs?

(2.) How many inspectors are employed in inspecting the meat slaughtered in suburban slaughter-houses; and what has been their average daily slaughtering for the past month of (*a*) cattle; (*b*) sheep; and (*c*) pigs?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Twelve inspectors are employed at the Glebe Island Abattoirs. During September, the daily average slaughtering was (*a*) cattle, 125; (*b*) sheep, 3,170; (*c*) pigs, 148.

(2.) Seven inspectors are employed inspecting meat slaughtered in suburban slaughter-houses. During September, the average daily slaughtering was (*a*) cattle, 87; (*b*) sheep, 1,346; (*c*) pigs, 62.

(15.) Amendment of the Libel Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended, as stated by the Honorable E. W. O'Sullivan at a gathering of journalists last week, that the Government intends to introduce the Libel Act Amendment Bill in the Legislative Council; and, if so, is he not aware that this course was pursued on a previous occasion, when that Chamber passed it without trouble, the measure being opposed, however, and dropped when it reached the Assembly at the tail end of the Session?

(2.) In view of the above facts, will he prove the sincerity of the Government's proposal to pass the measure by introducing it at once in the Assembly?

(3.) Is he aware that the libel law, as it operates at present in New South Wales, is barbarous and obsolete, and, in point of liberality of provisions, half a century behind the law which obtains in Great Britain and her other Colonies?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes. Notwithstanding the somewhat unfair treatment received from the Press, it is the intention of the Government to give them something like an effective libel law. The Bill will be brought forward in due course, and in proper time the Honorable Member and all friends of the Bill will be asked to be in their places to help to pass it.

(2.) I think this is impertinent.

(3.) Holding the views we do, we shall certainly do our best to pass a libel law worthy of the Press of New South Wales.

(16.) New Sports Ground, Moore Park:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has, up to the present, been expended on the new sports ground at Moore Park, and what is expected to be the total expenditure on the ground, including cost of providing cycle track, seating accommodation, &c.?

(2.) Has the work been done by contract or day labour?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This is a land matter, and I advise that replies be solicited from my honorable colleague, the Secretary for Lands.

(17.) Commercial Agents, South Africa and Japan:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true, as reported in daily papers, that the Commercial Agent in South Africa communicates direct with the Board for Exports?

(2.) If so, does he not consider it advisable that these communications should come through the head of the Government?

(3.) What has been done with reference to an expected order for tallow, as foreshadowed by the Commercial Agent in Japan?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) All communications are addressed to the Department.

(3.) The various firms interested in the business have been communicated with.

(18.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When is it proposed to take steps to bring about the removal of the Abattoirs?

(2.) If the Government do not care to take the responsibility, will they introduce a Bill giving the control to the Sydney Municipal Council?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the answer given by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on 15th instant to Question No. 17, asked by the Honorable Member for Rylstone.

(19.) Erection of a Weir at the Head of Lane Cove River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the proposal to erect a weir at the head of the Lane Cove River, for the purpose of securing an additional water supply?

(2.) If any report has been obtained lately, will he be good enough to lay the same upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Did he arrive at any conclusion in respect to this project some time ago, and what was the nature of it?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Report and survey have been made for a weir 25 feet high, the water would be backed up about 4,500 feet, and the contents of reservoir would be about 40,000,000 gallons. No estimate has been prepared, but £3,000 is the approximate cost for this weir.

(3.) No definite conclusion has been arrived at as the scheme cannot be recommended, because the amount of water stored would be comparatively insignificant.

(20.) Parramatta River:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the condition of the Parramatta River calls for immediate attention, in order to make it navigable to Queen's Wharf?

(2.) What does he propose to do in order to remove the complaints in respect to sewage deposits and the silting up of the channel?

(3.) Will he consider whether he could not with advantage reclaim much land along the banks of the river, which could be leased to recoup for the outlay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This is a matter under the control of the Harbour Trust, and any improvement works required should be carried out by the Trust. I would, therefore, suggest to the Honorable Member that he should ask my honorable colleague, the Premier and Chief Secretary, what the Trust propose to do in this connection.

(21.) Mr. J. H. Young's Minute Approving of the Construction of a Tramway to Drummoyne:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the date of Mr. J. H. Young's minute approving the proposal to construct a tramway to Drummoyne when the electric power could be extended?

(2.) Who was the representative of the district in Parliament at the date of such minute?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) No trace can be found of a minute approving of the proposal in the records of the Department, but I find Mr. Secretary Young minuted, on the 21st May, 1896, to the effect that the question of constructing the line must stand over until electric power was developed on the main tramways.

(2.) Mr. Farnell was the Member for the district when the above minute was written.

(22.) Manuals for Public Schools Relating to the Fish Industry:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Recognizing the fact of the fisheries in other parts of the world having become industries increasing each year in extent and value, and employing hundreds of thousands of people as well as millions of capital, will he take steps to have a popular manual prepared which will give an opportunity to the pupils attending our Public Schools of becoming familiar with all that has been recorded about our fish, their uses, habits, structure, anatomy, and their place in nature?

(2.) As popular manuals have been issued on botany, geology, and agriculture, will he have the same done in regard to ichthyology for use in the schools?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

(23.) Preparation of a Work on Fish by the Government:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the national importance of the subject, will he take the necessary steps to have prepared a work giving a popular account of our useful fishes to the colonists, together with all that relates to pisciculture and acclimitization, with a view to promote a development of our fish resources, and to give an account of our fish and fisheries, and all that relates to our laws, markets, distribution, and fisheries generally, making the work simple and practical, and sufficient to give inquirers all the knowledge they require about the fisheries of New South Wales?

(2.) As many inquiries are being made for copies of the report on trawling investigations made off our coast in 1898, will he see that sufficient are made available for distribution?

Sir John See answered,—I have referred this matter to the Fisheries Commission for report thereon.

(24.) Royal Commission to Inquire into Matters at Norfolk Island:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it intended that the Royal Commission to inquire into matters at Norfolk Island will commence the inquiry, and how will the Commission proceed to the island?

(2.) Cannot the yacht "Victoria" be used for the occasion?

Sir John See answered,—The Commission will proceed to Norfolk Island in November, or early in December. The matter of transport is receiving consideration, and suitable provision will be made.

(25.) Prospecting Vote:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the approximate amount that has been spent out of what is termed the "Prospecting "Vote" during the time such Vote has been available?

(2.) What amount has been paid as a reward for the discovery of gold-fields?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Approximate amount expended on account of prospecting aid to 30th September last is £331,145 1s.

(2.) The information with regard to Question No. 2 is not obtainable at present, but will be furnished as soon as possible.

(26.) Agricultural and Horticultural Societies:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the total amount (approximately) that has been given to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies during the time such Votes have been available?

(2.) What is the approximate cost and upkeep of all the experimental farms in the State and the Agricultural College at Windsor up to date?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) £360,247.

(2.) Approximate cost to 30th September last is £302,500.

(27.) Fruit Pests:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that most, if not all, of the fruit pests are introduced species, and are, therefore, not indigenous to this State?

(2.) Is it not a fact that where the natural home of the insect is it is no pest on account of the parasite being found with it?

(3.) Is it not a fact that in California the spread of fruit pests could not be checked by artificial methods, and that it was not till the natural enemies were introduced that the spread was checked?

(4.) Is he aware of the fact that America has been using natural methods for the extermination of fruit pests, and can record that ten out of twelve pests have become harmless, and that all this has been accomplished within a few years?

(5.) Will he take into his serious consideration the question of attempting to combat these pests by artificial means, and take steps to try and obtain the introduction of the true parasites or natural enemies?

(6.) As the Western Australian Government has taken practical means to try and obtain the true home of what is called the Queensland fly and its parasite, will he avail himself of the services of the entomologist entrusted with the work on behalf of the West Australian Government, and so economise in connection with the investigations?

(7.) The natural methods not having been attempted here, and only artificial means having been taken, will he have the experiment as suggested carried out, and the extermination of the pests brought about by their natural enemies?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The matter will be inquired into, and complete information supplied as soon as possible.

(28.) Burglaries in one of the Suburbs:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Whiddon, on Thursday, 16th October, relative to the numerous burglaries in a suburb adjacent to the city—to which he gave the following reply, "Only two burglaries have been reported in this suburb during the past six months";—is he aware that the following burglaries or attempted burglaries have occurred in Ross-street, the boundary between Glebe and Forest Lodge, during the past four weeks:—(1) Mr. Gilbert, house completely ransacked; (2) Mr. Mainwaring, house ransacked; (3) Mr. McLeod, two attempts made to enter; (4) Mr. Haslan, house ransacked; (5) Mr. Craigie, storekeeper, broken into, and cash register stolen; (6) Mr. Robey, tobacconist, attempt to enter, by forcing front door; (7) Mr. Barnes, fruiterer, attempt to enter?

(2.) In view of the foregoing, will he cause inquiries to be made with the view of ascertaining why it is that such misleading reports emanate from the Police Department, as in each case referred to the police station at the Glebe was communicated with by telephone, and police officers sent to investigate the matter?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The Superintendent in charge of the Metropolitan District reports that the Questions were correctly answered in Parliament on the 16th *re* burglaries in a locality assumed to be the Glebe, *i.e.*, that there were only two burglaries during the hours constituting that offence. There were, however, several thefts from dwellings during the past six months, mostly during the absence of inmates. It is also quite correct that there were five police on night duty, and not two as alleged.

(29.) Requirements of the Commonwealth made in Gaols of the State:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that telegraph messengers' bags, horse-rugs, and other requirements of the Commonwealth Government are being made in New South Wales gaols?

(2.) If so, under what conditions and terms?

Sir John See answered,—I am not aware of the fact, but I will cause inquiries to be made from the Minister of Justice.

(30.) Ground Adjoining Sydney Cricket Ground, Northern Side:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who are the lessees of the piece of ground adjoining the Sydney Cricket Ground, on the northern side?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government are providing funds for the formation and laying out of this ground?

(3.) On what terms do the lessees hold the ground?

Mr. Bennett answered,—It is assumed that the Honorable Member refers to the Athletic Sports Ground, of 7 acres 3 roods and 32 perches, which has frontage to Park-road. If so, the land was dedicated on the 18th October, 1899, and trustees subsequently appointed. The ground has been subsidised by the Government.

(31.) Police Regulating the Metropolitan Traffic:—*Mr. Coleman*, for Mr. Fallick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many police are engaged in regulating the traffic in the metropolis?

(2.) Is it a fact that all the police so engaged were given to understand they were to receive 8s. a day, and only about thirty are getting it?

(3.) Will he see that they all receive 8s. a day in future, according to promise?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Seventy.

(2.) No. Thirty-one engaged at the most trying points are drawing the special allowance of 1s. per diem.

(3.) Provision is made on the current year's Estimates for extending the special allowance to an additional number of police on this duty.

(32.) Industrial Arbitration Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a grave defect in the Industrial Arbitration Act, pointed out by Mr. Justice Cohen on Monday last, when giving judgment in a matter then before the Arbitration Court?

(2.) Is he aware that the President of that Court has previously indicated other defects in the Act?

(3.) Will he consider the advisableness of passing an amending Act before the close of this Session to remedy these defects?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(33.) Swimming Baths to be Erected at Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the estimated cost of the swimming-baths to be erected at Woolloomooloo Bay?

(2.) When is it expected that this work will be completed?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The scheme includes the construction of four new baths—two for paying customers, and two free—together with general improvements to the approaches of the eastern slopes of the Domain, and removal of all unsightly buildings. The approximate cost of the scheme is estimated at £18,500.

(2.) The whole scheme can be completed in two years.

(34.) Applications for Land at Lilyville:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many applications for blocks of land at Lilyville have so far been received?

(2.) How many of these applications have been granted?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Twenty-two.

(2.) Fifteen, seven applications having been withdrawn.

(35.) Payment of Arrears to Returned Soldiers:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the estimated amount involved in the litigation now pending in reference to the payment of arrears to returned soldiers?

Sir John See answered,—This case is now before the Courts, and, therefore, the Question must stand over meanwhile.

(36.) Registrar of Advances:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is the Registrar of Advances?

(2.) What are the duties of this officer; and what is his salary?

Sir John See answered,—It is assumed that the Honorable Member refers to the Advances to Settlers Board Office; if so, there is no officer who is styled the Registrar.

(37.) Artesian Bores:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In view of the great delay experienced in establishing artesian bores, owing to the complicated provisions of the Artesian Wells Act, Clauses 1 or 2, will he introduce an amending Bill to simplify and expedite the construction of these urgent and absolutely necessary works?
(2.) Does he know that, at the present rate of progress under present Act, the entire north-west will perish before the water is obtained?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Although action under section 1 of the Artesian Wells Act is somewhat prolonged, there need be little delay in proceeding with the work if action is taken under section 2. Any delay there may be is, in a great measure, caused by an inexplicable reluctance on the part of the persons who will be benefited to sign certain necessary forms which, when signed, ensures the Government a reasonable interest on its outlay. This hesitation is probably due in a measure to ignorance of the provisions of the Act on the part of the persons whose signatures are required, and the Department does not now insist upon the petition being absolutely complete before proceeding with the preliminary work of survey. The Surveyor is provided with forms, and has instructions to visit and explain what is required to any persons interested. Surveys are now being conducted from this Department, and by these means a considerable amount of delay is avoided. Section 1 is only made use of when it is found necessary to overcome the resistance of one or two individuals in the interests of a majority.
(2.) Tenders for six bores under the Act have been accepted or are awaiting acceptance, and applications for sixteen others are now in various stages. If funds are provided by Parliament under the new Bill, which I hope to be able to proceed with as soon as possible, the construction of all these, and probably others, will be well in hand before the end of the year.

(38.) Travelling Stock Route, Moree to Wallon:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it his intention to grant special leases for grazing purposes on the travelling stock route, Moree to Wallon, recently withdrawn from lease?
(2.) If so, what are the names of the applicant or applicants for such special leases?
(3.) When does he intend to introduce the Travelling Stock Routes and Camping Reserve Regulation Bill?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1 and 2.) I have no information at present of any special lease having been applied for.
(3.) When the Municipal Bill has been disposed of.

2. Papers:—
Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of Inspector Milne respecting the creep in the Central and South Broken Hill Mines.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. Methodist Union Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fegan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to confirm the Union in New South Wales of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New South Wales, the Primitive Methodist Church in New South Wales, and the United Methodist Free Churches in New South Wales under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia: to deal with the real and personal property in New South Wales of the said uniting churches; to give certain powers to the New South Wales Conference of the said the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act*, 1889, *the Primitive Methodist Church Temporalities Act*, 1879, *and the Primitive Methodist Church Property Act*, 1897; *and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm the Union in New South Wales of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New South Wales, the Primitive Methodist Church in New South Wales, and the United Methodist Free Churches in New South Wales under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to deal with the real and personal property in New South Wales of the said uniting churches; to give certain powers to the New South Wales Conference of the said the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act*, 1889, *the Primitive Methodist Church Temporalities Act*, 1879, *and the Primitive Methodist Church Property Act*, 1897; *and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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4. SYDNEY FERRIES COMPANY (LIMITED)—LAND AT MOSMAN'S AND MILSON'S POINT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) All papers, letters, plans, documents, depositions, and records in connection with the application of the Sydney Ferries Company (Limited) in relation to certain land at Mosman's Bay.
(2.) Also all papers, letters, documents, and communications in relation to the occupancy by the Sydney Ferries Company (Limited) of certain land at Milson's Point, and demands made or objections raised by the Harbour Trust in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.

5. PROPOSED NORTH SHORE BRIDGE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Briner, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the proposed North Shore bridge.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Wednesday next.
(2.) Bread Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday next.
(3.) Property Detention Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday, 4th November.
(4.) Totalizator Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday, 18th November.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

8. PAPER :—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Schedule to the Estimates for 1902-3, laid upon the Table, and referred to the Printing Committee, on the 21st instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pilot Service Regulations:—*Mr. Gilbert*, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When does he purpose issuing regulations for the conduct of the Pilot Service in accordance with the provisions of the Navigation Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—These regulations are now in the hands of the Parliamentary Draughtsman and will shortly be issued.

(2.) Claim of Comte de Rossi against the Government:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the Comte de Rossi removed from the service of the Government in accordance with the provisions of the District Courts Act of 1858?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the minute of the Cabinet, if any, notifying the removal, dismissal, or retirement of the Comte de Rossi from the Government Service?

(3.) And will he also lay upon the Table of this House the *Gazette* notice, if any, of such removal, dismissal, or retirement?

Sir John See answered,—As the action, Rossi *v.* Principal Under Secretary (nominal defendant on behalf of the Government), is pending in the Supreme Court, I cannot furnish replies to these Questions.

(3.) New Sports Ground, Moore Park:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount has, up to the present, been expended on the new sports ground at Moore Park, and what is expected to be the total expenditure on the ground, including cost of providing cycle track, seating accommodation, &c.?

(2.) Has the work been done by contract or day labour?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Vouchers have been received showing expenditure up to the 3rd October, 1902, covering the sum of £1,059 13s. 5d. At present I am not aware what the total expenditure is expected to be.

(2.) The ground is vested in trustees, who, from the vouchers sent in, appear to have carried out the work partly by contract and partly by day labour.

(4.) General Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the work of consolidating the General Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court in its Common Law Jurisdiction now being proceeded with?

(2.) To whom has this work been entrusted?

(3.) What arrangement has been made as to payment for this work?

(4.) When was the work commenced, and when is it expected to be completed?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. David Ferguson, barrister-at-law.

(3.) Mr. Ferguson has agreed to carry out the work for a fee of 100 guineas.

(4.) The work was entrusted to Mr. Ferguson at the end of August of last year. The draft consolidated rules are now being considered by the Judges of the Supreme Court, who have stated that they will be settled as soon as possible.

(5.) Holdings within the Catchment Area of the Cataract Dam:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he decided on resuming the holdings within the catchment area of the Cataract Dam?

(2.) If not, what arrangements does he propose to make with the orchardists and landholders in that district?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It has been decided to gradually deal with the catchment area, taking the most urgent cases first.

(6.) George-street Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the buildings known as the George-street Asylum, Parramatta, have been condemned as unsafe for housing inmates who are in poor circumstances?

(2.) On what authority were the additions made to such a flimsy structure?

(3.) What was the cost of such additions?

(4.) Does he think the present building suitable to the wants and requirements of the inmates?

(5.) How many inmates are now in the Asylum?

(6.) What are the newly-erected workshops for, and who works in them?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes, they have been condemned by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and the Government Architect, but no action can be taken until the recommendations of the Public Works Committee are passed by Parliament or some other scheme devised.

(2.) On the authority of the Honorable the Chief Secretary, on the recommendation of the Director of Government Asylums for the Infirm; being absolutely necessary.

(3.) £180.

(4.) See No. 1.

(5.) 798.

(6.) (*a*) Swag store, carpenter's shop, undertaker's shop, painter's shop, and tinsmith's shop; (*b*) one paid official and inmate artisans.

(7.) Travelling Allowances to Members of Local Land Boards:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are members of Local Land Boards, when away from their homes on public business, allowed travelling expenses?

(2.) If so, are charges allowed for such expenses by members who stay with friends; and are vouchers submitted of the actual outlay?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In such cases the Department expects to be asked to pay only out-of-pocket expenses.

(8.) Members of Local Land Boards Travelling on Court Circuit:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does the Lands Department permit the Chairman and Members of Local Land Boards, when travelling on Court Circuit, to be the guests of persons who may be interested in cases coming within the jurisdiction of the Boards?

(2.) If so, will he give the necessary instructions to have such an undesirable practice discontinued?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Chairmen of Land Boards have been made aware that it is considered most undesirable for them when travelling on official business to stay at private places, and, apart from any instructions on the subject, it is expected that both Chairmen and Members would recognise the inexpediency of being the guests of persons on whose cases they had to adjudicate.

(9.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the number of old-age pensioners who camp in the vicinity of country towns, will he set apart a section of Crown Lands, under strict regulations for sanitation, as a camping-place for these men, and thus secure them immunity from continual shifting?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Before making any promise in this direction, my honorable colleague would have to carefully consider the whole matter, but the Honorable Member will recognise that the setting apart of land for old-age pensioners would involve expense beyond the amount allowed as pensions.

(10.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are there any books of free railway passes issued to anybody for distribution amongst distinguished visitors; if so, to whom?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that books of free passes are not issued for distribution amongst distinguished visitors.

(11.) Appointment of Mr. Berckelman as Secretary to Tender Board:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to answer to Question No. 9, given in reply to Mr. Lonsdale on 21st October, with regard to Mr. Berckelman's appointment,—

(1.) Who was Executive Member of the Tender Board when Mr. Berckelman previously held the position of Secretary?

(2.) What position, if any, does he at present fill?

(3.) Has there been any saving on this officer's salary, if still in the Service?

(4.) Does the position of the Executive Member of the Board need any special qualifications?

(5.) If so, what are such qualifications?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The position of Executive Member had not been created at the time Mr. Berckelman previously acted as Secretary. The position was afterwards made in consequence of the necessity of having an officer of high standing responsible for the working of the Department; the members of the Tender Board, being officers holding other important positions, are unable to devote much of their time to the business of the Department.

(4 and 5.) The Department of the Public Service Tender Board is entrusted with the expenditure of large sums of public money in procuring stores for the Public Service, and the position of Executive Member thereof necessarily requires high business and administrative qualifications.

(12.)

(12.) Amount Received by Government for Interest on Bank Deposits:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government for the year ending 30th June, 1902, for interest on bank deposits and other temporary investments of public moneys?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£19,386.

(13.) Judges of the Supreme Court:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have complaints been made by the Judges to the effect that an increase in their number is necessary in order to cope with the business brought before them?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that a great portion of the time of the Full Court is occupied in the hearing of applications for new trials, and that in the great majority of such applications rules *nisi* are granted, mainly on the ground that the jury had been "misdirected" by the Judge hearing the original cause?

(3.) Is it not a fact that out of four applications for new trials on Monday last, three were granted on the ground that "His Honor was in error" in regard to his directions to the jury, viz., in the following causes: Hannah *v.* Drake, Tange *v.* Foley, and Green *v.* Green?

(4.) Is it not also a fact that the only two such applications before the Full Court on Tuesday (McAlary *v.* Stafford and Hoe *v.* Lee) were granted on the ground that the presiding Judge "had "wrongly excluded certain evidence and erroneously directed the jury"?

(5.) Under such a set of circumstances, does it not appear to him that if the Courts are choked with work, it is work created by the Judges themselves?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) No official representations have been made to this effect.

(2.) I am not aware, but it is very probable that the statements in this Question are correct, since the Full Court, sitting as a Court of Appeal, can, as a rule, only grant new trials for errors in law.

(3.) The newspapers so report.

(4.) See previous answer.

(5.) I am not called upon to express an opinion on this matter.

(14.) Free Railway Passes to Agricultural Judges:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many free railway passes were issued to judges acting in connection with the late Sydney Agricultural Show, and what was the monetary value of such passes?

(2.) Is it proposed to issue free passes for the next Sydney Show to judges appointed to act in connection with same?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by my honorable colleague the Minister for Mines and Agriculture that no free passes have been issued, nor is it intended to issue any for the next Sydney Show.

(15.) Duties Collected on Imports for the State Government:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In reference to the duties collected on imports for the State Government, can he inform this House what was the general nature of these imports?

(2.) Has the Government yet repaid the contractors for Government supplies and work the amount of duties paid by them for the supplies imported last year?

(3.) What is the approximate amount of the duty claimed to be refunded by the Government contractors for supplies and work?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The imports are of a miscellaneous nature, but the larger portion consists of railway material.

(2.) No money has yet been paid. The Board I appointed to inquire into claims of contractors recently furnished a report, and it is expected that a settlement will be effected at an early date.

(3.) The information cannot be ascertained without a reference to each Department, as the contractors have not rendered their accounts.

(16.) Licensing of Clubs:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the new Licensing Bill which he proposes to introduce, will he consider the advisableness of making provision for the licensing of clubs?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes.

(17.) Proposed Railway from Maitland to Grafton:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received the report of the Railway Commissioners on the construction of a railway from Maitland to Grafton?

(2.) If so, will he lay the report upon the Table of this House?

(3.) When does he intend to submit the question to Parliament, for submission to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The report will be submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works so soon as an opportunity offers to refer the matter to that body. If the Honorable Member wants a copy of the report for the local papers, or if Honorable Members from Maitland desire a copy, I will treat them in the same way that I treat other local Members who wish for a copy.

(18.) Wine Adulteration:—Mr. T. H. Griffith asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he inform this House why the Wine Adulteration Bill has been withdrawn in the Upper House by the Attorney-General?

(2.) Will he introduce this Bill during the present Session in the Legislative Assembly?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The Bill was withdrawn, because it was doubtful whether it could be introduced in the Legislative Council.

(2.) Notice was given by me yesterday.

(19.) Carriage of Newspapers on the Railway:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the railway regulations which fix the rate for carriage of newspapers at quarter parcel rates being enforced?

(2.) If not, when will compliance with such regulations take place?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am informed that this matter is waiting the result of the inquiry by the Select Committee into the question of the carriage of newspapers by rail.

2. Totalizator Bill:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that it would be impossible to prevent gaming in connection with horse-racing; that gaming should be checked and supervised by the Government; that the legalising of the instrument known as the Totalizator on racecourses would provide the best means for such supervision; that where such instrument is established most of the abuses complained of have disappeared; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may be passed into law.

(1.) By Mr. Reymond,—From certain electors, citizens, and residents of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Ferguson,—From certain electors, citizens, and residents of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

3. The Land Laws:—Mr. Reymond presented two Petitions from residents of New South Wales, representing that there is a large and genuine demand for land for settlement purposes throughout the State; that in all future land legislation the amplest provision should be made to retain the public estate for those desirous of settling on it; and praying that in future no land be submitted under any non-residential term of tenure until the same has been offered in reasonable areas for a period of not less than six months under settlement lease, homestead selection, or some similar tenure necessitating residence.

Petitions received.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Phillips brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. Sleepers for Railway Construction (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davidson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of sleepers bought in the year 1901–1902 for railway construction.

(2.) The price paid for same.

(3.) The number of sleepers bought by the Railway Commissioners in 1901–1902 for repairs to existing lines.

(4.) The price paid for same.

Question put and passed.

6. Railways of New South Wales:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nielsen,—

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the railways of New South Wales could be more "economically and better managed by one general manager than by a Commission consisting of "three members.

"(2.) That the Railway Act should be amended to give effect to the foregoing resolution,"—discharged, on motion of Mr. Nielsen.

7. Wine Adulteration Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 150.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.

State Government House,
Sydney, 23*rd October*, 1902.

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

8. Supply:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 *OCTOBER*, 1902, A.M.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE KING:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following letter from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor:—

Sir, State Government House, Sydney, 28 October, 1902.

With reference to previous correspondence, I have now the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has received a despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating that he duly laid before His Majesty the King the Address from the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, expressing sympathy with His Majesty in his illness.

2. Mr. Chamberlain adds that His Majesty commanded him to say that he appreciates deeply the kind and loyal expressions of sympathy contained in the Address.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

ROBERTSON CLARK,
Private Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 151.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half-a-mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th October, 1902.

(2.) Methodist Union Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 152.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm the Union in New South Wales of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New South Wales, the Primitive Methodist Church in New South Wales, and the United Methodist Free Churches in New South Wales, under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to deal with the real and personal property in New South Wales of the said uniting churches; to give certain powers to the New South Wales Conference of the said the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act*, 1889, *the Primitive Methodist Church Temporalities Act*, 1879, *and the Primitive Methodist Church Property Act*, 1897; *and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1902.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Interest Received by Treasury on Advances to Settlers:—*Mr. Anderson*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Treasury for the year ending 30th June, 1902, by way of interest on advances to settlers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£6,361 3s. 4d.

(2.) Dawes' Point:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he taken advantage of the presence in Sydney of Sir Edmund Barton and Sir William Lyne to confer over the Dawes' Point controversy?

(2.) If so, has he any definite information to supply to this House in connection therewith?

Sir John See answered,—I have already communicated to the Honorable Member the substance of the communication I had with Sir Edmund Barton in regard to this matter. The purport of the telegram is that the matter is now under consideration, and I hope for a satisfactory settlement.

(3.) Rents of Ferries Paid to the Government Annually:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total sum paid to the Government annually for rents of ferries on the following rivers and their arms:—Richmond, Clarence, Bellinger, Nambucca, Macleay, Hastings, and Manning?

(2.) Are any ferries in New South Wales free to traffic; if so, where are they?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £1,293 9s. 4d. for year ended 30th June, 1902.

(2.) There are no free ferries.

(4.) Posting the Latest Shipping News at the Central Post Offices:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the extraordinary and unexpected decision of the Federal Government, that from 1st November no shipping telegrams will be allowed to pass except under special payment, thereby putting a stop to the invaluable system in vogue for so many years past, of posting the latest shipping news at the Central Post Offices of the different States, is it the intention of this Government to take such steps as shall prevent the discontinuance of the posting of such valuable information?

(2.) In view of the urgent importance of this matter, affecting as it does such a vast number of citizens in passenger traffic, commercial enterprise, and especially the labouring classes engaged in mercantile shipping who cannot afford to obtain this information for themselves, will he consider the advisability of making such provision, either through representation to the Federal Government or taking such steps as shall secure a continuance of the posting of this valuable information as heretofore, a practice which has proved itself of so much value to the community at large?

Sir John See answered,—I have already communicated with the Federal Government on this matter. The telegram I sent has been published. I am very hopeful the matter will be settled in a satisfactory manner.

(5.) Proposed Railway to Collarendabri:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that almost the whole of the settlers between Burren Junction and Collarendabri are ruined in consequence of the drought and the want of railway communication to enable them to remove the few stock they have left to more favoured districts?

(2.) Is he also aware that the officers of the Department recommend that this branch line should be constructed first, owing to the water facilities being greater along the whole of the route?

(3.) Is it his intention to proceed at once with this branch; if not, when?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I regret to hear that such a state of affairs exists.

(2.) It was considered at the onset that, owing to less difficulties as to provision of water, the Collarendabri branch might be constructed first, but the drought became so severe that the surveyors had to be withdrawn before the branch had been surveyed; hence the Walgett line, of which the survey had been completed, was necessarily given first place.

(3.) The survey of the Collarendabri branch has been now resumed, and the works will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

(6.) Parramatta River:—*Mr. Moxham*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the condition of the Parramatta River calls for immediate attention, in order to make it navigable to Queen's Wharf?

(2.) What does he propose to do in order to remove the complaints in respect to sewage deposits and the silting up of the channel?

(3.) Will he consider whether he could not with advantage reclaim much land along the banks of the river, which could be leased to recoup for the outlay?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust has furnished the following information:—

(1.) The cost of dredging the Parramatta River in order to make it navigable up to Queen's Wharf would be very great, and quite out of proportion to any advantages likely to be gained by the Trust. The Harbour Trust Commissioners do not, therefore, see their way to expend any money in this connection.

(2.) A great improvement could be made by diverting the sewage which now flows into the river, but this is a matter for the Works Department to deal with.

(3.) The Commissioners are not aware that there is any Government land along the banks of this portion of the river which could be reclaimed.

(7.) Civil Service Superannuation Account:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House the opinion of Sir Edmund Barton (given in 1893), then Attorney-General, to the Civil Service Board, relative to the rebate question, as to amount to be charged to those who were in the Service under section 57 of the Act of 1884?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the opinion to which the Honorable Member refers.

(8.) Crown Lands in the Comboyne Scrub, Parish of Comboyne:—Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Secretary for Lands to make available for conditional purchase Crown lands in the Comboyne Scrub, parish of Comboyne, in areas not to exceed 150 acres, as suggested by petition of residents, dated 2nd August last?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The papers have now been received from the District Surveyor, with a design for subdivision of the land into blocks ranging from 150 to 220 acres, and his report on the matter is now under consideration, and the case will be completed without delay.

4. THE LAND LAWS:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that there is a large and genuine demand for land for settlement purposes throughout the State; that in all future land legislation the amplest provision should be made to retain the public estate for those desirous of settling on it; and praying that in future no land be submitted under any non-residential term of tenure until the same has been offered in reasonable areas for a period of not less than six months under settlement lease, homestead selection, or some similar tenure necessitating residence:—

(1.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,—From certain residents of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. D. R. Hall,—From certain residents of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

5. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Williams presented a Petition from certain electors, citizens, and residents of New South Wales, representing that it would be impossible to prevent gaming in connection with horse-racing; that gaming should be checked and supervised by the Government; that the legalising of the instrument known as the Totalizator on racecourses would provide the best means for such supervision; that where such instrument is established most of the abuses complained of have disappeared; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may be passed into law.

Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation No. 282, and amended Form No. 75, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 22nd July, 1902,—"Milson Island as a Site for an Inebriate "Asylum."

(2.) Regulation under Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(3.) Opinion of the Hon. Edmund Barton, Q.C., Attorney-General, dated 8th December, 1893, respecting the admission of contributors to the Superannuation Account, under section 57 of the Civil Service Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th September, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2) [*Formal Motion*]:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902, and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a third time";—until Tuesday, 18th November.

(2.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday, 2nd December.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "imperative necessity of this State continuing to make available to the public the shipping "telegrams which are to be discontinued in a few days by the Federal Government."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 153.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law of defamation.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1902.

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

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the year ended 30th June, 1902, together with the Auditor-General's report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act.
Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Revenue Suspense Account:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was to the credit of the Revenue Suspense Account on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£13,865 17s. 5d.

(2.) New Minister for the Justice Department:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Edden, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government intend shortly to appoint a new Minister for the Justice Department?

Sir John See answered,—The Government do not intend to appoint a new Minister for Justice.

(3.) Police Magistrates being Guests of Persons Interested in Cases:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Macdonell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that Police Magistrates are in the habit of stopping at stations and private houses when attending outlying Courts in country districts, sometimes being guests of persons interested in cases upon which they have to adjudicate?
(2.) Does he know that a case was lately tried by a Police Magistrate at Coonabarabran, who convicted a shearers' organiser and then became the guest of the prosecuting squatter?
(3.) If he does not approve of this practice, will he take steps to stop it?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) I am not aware that the practice is quite as the Honorable Member suggests; but I believe that, in outlying parts of the State, it is at times necessary (owing to the absence of any other accommodation) for Police Magistrates travelling on duty to stay over night at private houses *en route*.

(2.) I am not aware, but will refer to the Police Magistrate on the subject.
(3.) There is no justification, in my opinion, for requiring Police Magistrates to remain out in the open air at night when there is no hotel available for their accommodation. Nevertheless, it is recognised that it is undesirable that such officers should be the guest of persons when there is any probability of their being called upon to adjudicate in cases in which those persons are parties.

(4.) Road at Grose Vale, near North Richmond:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) How much money was granted for expenditure on road at Grose Vale, near North Richmond, recently, and was it placed in the hands of trustees?
(2.) If so, who were the trustees; and how many local men did they employ, giving names of such employees, and amounts earned by each?
(3.) Were the two sons of one of the trustees so employed; and what amount in all did they receive from the total grant?
(4.) Does he favour the idea of trustees in such cases employing their relatives on such work as that above referred to?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) £50. Yes.
(2 and 3.) Messrs. H. A. Wood, A. Lee, and A. Mattieson were the original trustees, but Messrs. Lee and Mattieson subsequently resigned and Mr. G. Pullinger was appointed. Information *re* men employed and payments made to each can only be furnished by reference to the trustees.
(4.) The Departmental Regulations prohibit trustees employing relatives in expenditure of Government grants. I am informed that relatives of Messrs. Mattieson and Lee were employed in expenditure of this grant, but both of these trustees subsequently resigned on being made aware of the regulation.

(5.) Redfern Railway Station Cloak Room:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is caused to the public through the cloak-room at the Redfern railway station being insufficiently manned?
(2.) Is he aware that the services of one of the staff have been dispensed with?
(3.) In view of the fact that complaints have been made by passengers that they have lost their trains through the delay in being attended to, will he recommend to the Railway Commissioners the advisableness of increasing the staff, and thus promote the convenience of the travelling public?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The matter is one of detail railway management which is controlled by the Railway Commissioners, to whom I will refer it, and ask them to communicate with the Honorable Member.

(6.) Nyrang Creek Weir, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the total amount of money expended in the construction of the Nyrang Creek weir, district of Molong, county of Ashburnham?
(2.) Is it a fact that twenty-seven settlers in that locality are about to be taxed, ranging from 25s. to 1s. 6d., each annually to pay interest, viz., £14 10s., on the amount of money expended on the construction of the work?
(3.) Is it or is it not a fact that three separate Land Board inquiries were held over the construction of this weir, and that more money was expended in holding those inquiries than the actual amount (£200) that was voted and expended in the construction of the weir?
(4.) Is it not a fact that not one of the twenty-seven landowners in the locality were subpœnaed to give evidence before these Land Board inquiries?
(5.) Will he, for the information of the public, cause copies of the evidence taken before the Land Board on each separate occasion, and their decision on the same, to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) £242 18s. 3d.
(2.) I am informed that the Land Board inquiry as to assessment has not yet reached my office.
(3.) Three inquiries by the Land Board have been held, as required by the Act under which the work was constructed; but as the inquiries were taken in the ordinary routine of the Land Board's business and special meetings were not called, the cost is probably very small, but this I cannot, of course, state definitely, it being a Lands matter.
(4.) See reply to No. 2.
(5.) See reply to No. 2. Copies of the evidence are, therefore, not yet available.

(7.) Government Astronomer and Meteorologist:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) In answer to Dr. Ross' Question of 21st October, the Government Astronomer and Meteorologist stated that 92 per cent. of his weather forecastings have proved correct, will he, for the information of the public and the advancement of science, lay upon the Table of this House a tabulated statement or chart from Mr. Russell showing the correctness, or otherwise, of his alleged 92 per cent. weather forecastings during the last twelve months, or the period of the drought?
(2.) Will he likewise furnish a list of the names and residences of those alleged careful weather observers who, we are assured, regularly study these forecasts, and who it is alleged have thanked Mr. Russell for the success of his forecasts?
(3.) Will he state what good, if any, these forecasts have been to the pastoral, agricultural, and commercial interest of the State of New South Wales during the present drought?
(4.) Is it not a fact that these alleged forecasts are computed and compiled solely, if not automatically, on telegrams received at the Head Office every twenty-four hours from country stations, and not on the fundamental principles underlying natural physical laws?

(5.)

(5.) Will he obtain from the Government Meteorologist some reliable scientific facts, other than statements derived by telegrams, as to the origin or cause of the present disastrous drought, to account for the anomaly of an unprecedented wet season in the northern hemisphere with a corresponding dry cycle season in the southern hemisphere?

(6.) Will he also obtain from the Government Astronomer and Meteorologist some meteorological or scientific information as to when the present drought is likely to come to an end, if his weather forecastings, as alleged, have proved so reliable and correct in the past?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Government Astronomer states that it will take him some days to collect the information asked for, and I shall not be able to reply to these Questions until after the receipt of the requisite particulars.

(8.) Married Lady Teachers in the Education Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many married lady teachers are employed by the Education Department whose husbands are also so employed, or are officers connected with some other branch of the Public Service?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that considerable complaint is made regarding this condition of things by ladies who have passed the necessary examinations, and are eligible for appointment, but are not able to secure same?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) This information is not readily obtainable, as no record is kept of the occupations of husbands of married lady teachers. It will, however, be furnished as soon as available.

(2.) I am not aware.

(9.) Camden Bridge:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did he not, replying to a Question recently, state that no tenders had been called for the Camden bridge, just constructed by day labour at a cost of £10,300; if so, will he cause further inquiries to be made of his officers with the object of ascertaining whether or not it is a fact that the following tenders were received:—Mr. Fife, £8,238 16s.; Curtis and Foord, £8,930; Mountney, £9,569; Willmott and Morgan, £9,690; and Ritchie, £10,497?

(2.) Has any portion of the cost of this bridge been charged to the Tramway Construction Branch; and, if so, what is the amount?

(3.) What was the total cost of the bridge, both for roadway and tramway?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes. I regret to state that an officer of the Department informed me to this effect, but I now find that he was unintentionally misled, as tenders were received from the following:—G. Fife, £8,238 18s. 6d.; C. J. Foord, £8,920; Mountney & Co., £9,569 10s.; Willmott and Morgan, £9,690; Ritchie Brothers, £10,497.

(2.) No.

(3.) The total cost was £10,284, of which the sum of £3,500 has been provided by the Railway Commissioners. I must, however, inform the Honorable Member that after tenders had been invited it was decided to increase the waterway of the bridge by adding a timber viaduct 128 feet in length to the Campbelltown end, and the cost of this addition and other detail extras for which contractor would have had to be paid, together with the supervision, is included in the above amount.

(10.) Weirs in the Parkes District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In reply to Dr. Ross' Question of 15th October, it is stated that eight weirs, at a cost of £800, have been erected by the Government in the Parkes District for water conservation,—will he state if settlers in the immediate locality have to pay any assessments or water charges to the Government since those weirs were erected; if so, the amount levied annually on the same, and the number of persons who have been assessed to pay such water rates?

(2.) Did the Local Land Board or any other person fix the amount of assessment or water rates at each respective weir; if so, upon what terms or conditions were the water rates or assessments made?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I can only inform the Honorable Member that so far no rates have been levied.

(11.) Police Court Case against one Levy:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date did the hearing open before Mr. Smithers, S.M., of a charge against one Levy, in connection with goods obtained from De La Rue & Co.; and how many sittings of the Court have been held to date?

(2.) In the interests of the accused man, will he approach the Crown law authorities and urge that the preliminary proceedings in connection with this charge be expedited?

Sir John See answered,—The case referred to being *sub judice*, I do not think I should answer these Questions.

4. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Wednesday next.

(2.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers*];—until Tuesday, 11th November.

5. Papers:—

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Bulletins Nos. 17 and C, respecting the Census of New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for Tramway Purposes at North Sydney.

(2.) Return showing number of Accidents, fatal and otherwise, which have been caused by the Trams from 1st January, 1900, to 30th September, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. ORDER OF BUSINESS—ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Orders*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, the following Sessional Orders:—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, on Tuesday in each "week" General Business shall take precedence of Government Business until 7 o'clock p.m., and after that hour Government Business only shall be dealt with.

(2.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Friday in each week shall be a sitting day, and Government Business only shall be dealt with; the House shall meet at 2·30 p.m. and shall adjourn at 11 o'clock p.m.; if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall, at five minutes to 11 o'clock p.m. precisely, leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on the next sitting day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words from the word "week" to the end of paragraph (1), and inserting the words "Orders of the Day of General "Business shall take precedence,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Sir John See moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph,—

"(3.) That the above resolutions shall not take effect until after Tuesday next."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question, as amended,—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, on Tuesday in each week General Business shall take precedence of Government Business until 7 o'clock p.m., and after that hour Government Business only shall be dealt with.

(2.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Friday in each week shall be a sitting day, and Government Business only shall be dealt with; the House shall meet at 2·30 p.m. and shall adjourn at 11 o'clock p.m.; if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall, at five minutes to 11 o'clock p.m. precisely, leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on the next sitting day.

(3.) That the above resolutions shall not take effect until after Tuesday next,—put and passed.

7. ASSIGNMENT OF DEBTS AND CHOSES IN ACTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the assignment of debts and choses in action, and to confer certain rights on the assignees thereof*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th October, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

8. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 2):—Mr. Arthur Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on the 28th October, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act*, 1902, *and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. BURWOOD MUNICIPAL LOAN VALIDATION BILL:—

(1.) Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Burwood.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Burwood*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. PASTURES PROTECTION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th November.

11. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Waddell*), and Question proposed,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Price, under Standing Order No. 335, moved, That leave been given to propose an amendment,—
" That there shall be a change in the administration of forestry, in view of the present unsatisfactory " administration of the same and the prejudicial effect upon the timber industry therefrom, and " that such change should be in the nature of a transfer of administrative work from the Lands " Department to the Department of the Chief Secretary or the Department of Agriculture.
" That such a change is advisable, so that provision be made for the collection of royalties upon " hewn timber at the port of shipment or place of entrainment, and upon sawn timber upon the " output of the mills.
" That such a change is advisable, so that the royalties upon hewn timber, girders, piles and " sleepers should be equalised."
Question put, on Mr. Price's motion.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.	Noes, 64.		
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Young,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Daley,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Haynes.	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Thomson,
Tellers,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Briner.
	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Gormly,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Original Question then put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Business (*by consent*) postponed until a later hour of the day :—
(1.) Remaining Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of Government Business.
(2.) Remaining Orders of the Day of General Business.

13. DISMISSAL FROM THE RAILWAY SERVICE OF FETTLERS-GANGER E. L. WARTON :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the dismissal from the railway service of fettlers-ganger E. L. Warton.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Briner, Mr. Morton, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. John Hurley, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

15. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE BY MRS. ANN ROUSE, IN THE PARISH OF KAHIBAH :—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee upon "Conditional Purchase by " Mrs. Ann Rouse, in the parish of Kahibah," brought up on 9th October, 1902, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.

16. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law of defamation.
Question put and passed.

17. CLAIM OF JAMES ROSS, PILOT BOATMAN :—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the claim of James Ross pilot boatman, for arrears of deferred increments of salary.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Cohen Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morton, Mr. Wood, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

18. EMPLOYEES OF METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD :—Mr. Jessep moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The number of hours (special and ordinary) overtime worked by the employees of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board during the period from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902.

(2.) The remuneration, if any, that has been paid to the said employees for overtime referred to.

Question put and passed.

19. GOLD-DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.			Noes, 7.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Miller,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. MacMahon.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Clara,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. W. F. Hurley.	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Millard,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Cann,		
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. O'Conor.	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Nielsen,		
Mr. Jones,	Mr. J. F. Smith,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

20. BOGAN GATE TO BULBODNEY RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney ; to amend the Public Works Act,* 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line ; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30*th October,* 1902, *a.m.*

21. TEMORA TO BARELLAN RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr .O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Temora to Barellan ; to amend the Public Works Act,* 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line ; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30*th October,* 1902, *a.m.*

22. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 *OCTOBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Reserves, Parish Bonshaw, County Arawatta:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are water reserves Nos. 1,380, 1,381, and 1,382, parish Bonshaw, county Arawatta, fenced in by the proprietors of Gunian and Bonshaw stations?

(2.) Did an officer of the Lands Department this month visit Bonshaw to report on an application to have those reserves made available to the public?

(3.) During that officer's visit to Bonshaw, was he the guest of Mr. Elwyn, manager of Gunian and Bonshaw stations?

(4.) What is the distance and the direction of Mr. Elwyn's residence from Bonshaw?

(5.) Is it a practice of the Department to allow officers to be guests of the people on whose business connections with the Department such officers are asked to report?

(6.) If so, will he give instructions to have such practice discontinued?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) It has been ascertained that reserve No. 1,380 is partly and the other two reserves wholly fenced into paddocks occupied by a Mr. Tindall.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes, though not when on the work in question, but *en route* to Texas.

(4.) About 11 miles.

(5.) The officer's report is against the interests of Mr. Elwyn, but it is recognised that it is highly inexpedient for officers to accept the hospitality of persons on whose cases they have to report.

(6.) I will give the necessary instructions.

(2.) Crown Lands at Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that some of the best agricultural lands on the northern rivers, and at Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes, are closed to settlement?

(2.) Is it not a fact that many of these large reserves are for timber purposes, though in many cases they carry little or no marketable timber?

(3.) Will he expedite the throwing open of some of these lands, particularly at Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes, as requested by petition some time ago?

(4.) In throwing open good lands such as these, will he consider the advisability of limiting the area to 320 acres, and of allowing an applicant to choose the form of tenure, whether conditional purchase or homestead selection?

Mr. Bennett answered,—I am aware that these lands are closed against settlement on account of the existence of the Forest Reserves. The Land Board in December last inquired into the question of throwing one of these reserves open, and recommended that it should not be interfered with until the timbers had been marketed. The question of throwing open the village reserve at Dorrigo is now being inquired into. With regard to the Guy Fawkes lands, it appears that the highlands are almost wholly alienated. Little agricultural land is left, and this is covered by travelling stock, camping, village, and public recreation reserves, which cannot be materially reduced without prejudice to the public interests. The forest reserves in the locality are reputed to contain good timber and are rough country on the falls from the highlands.

(3.) Erection of Government Building, Helensburgh:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact there is a Government building going up at Helensburgh, let by contract?

(2.) Is it a fact that last week there was only one bricklayer, one mason, and a labourer at work?

(3.) Is it a fact that there is a Government officer overlooking this work daily?

(4.) Is it a fact that men have asked for work on this job, and been refused?

(5.) Is it really necessary that a Government officer should be retained daily on this work to oversee three men?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes, and it is let by contract.

(2.) The last report from the Officer-in-charge stated that seven men were employed. Some of the men, however, have had to be knocked off, on account of the contractor being unable to obtain a sufficient supply of bricks to keep them going.

(3.) Yes; but he is there for a brief period only.

(4.) The work is under contract, so I cannot furnish any reply to this Question.

(5.) It is necessary that an officer should be present to see the foundations put in, the damp-course laid, and the brick work fairly started. When this is done, daily inspection will not be required. The officer will probably leave this week, and then only weekly inspections will be made.

(4.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of pensioners who do not come under the provisions of the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) The amount paid to such persons annually?

(3.) The total sum paid in pensions—outside the old-age pensions—each year?

(4.) The amount actually paid by Public Servants to the Superannuation Fund?

(5.) The total sum paid last year in retiring allowances and gratuities throughout the Public Service?

(6.) The total amount of increases in salaries throughout the Public Service during the past year, and the total proposed increases this year?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be furnished in the form of a return. It will, however, take some time to prepare.

(5.) Abolition of School Fees:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to help to pass into law the Bill now before the House providing for the abolition of school fees?

(2.) If yes, how does he propose to recoup the Treasury for the loss of half a year's revenue?

Sir John See answered,—Having made our financial arrangements for this year, I do not think it practicable.

(6.) Refund to Messrs. H. H. Kingsbury & Co. in connection with George-street Electric Tramway:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £1,910 was wrongfully refunded to Messrs. H. H. Kingsbury & Co., in connection with the George-street Electric Tramway?

(2.) Is it not a fact that Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co. commenced a suit in Equity against the Government in connection therewith; was the case settled; and on what terms?

(3.) Was any inquiry instituted by the Public Service Board; if so, was not neglect of duty proved upon the part of the present Chief Commissioner of the Harbour Trust, Mr. Hickson, and was he called upon to refund £1,000 in connection therewith?

(4.) What was the result of the inquiry?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes; but I believe it happened before we took office.

(2.) A suit was instituted by the General Electric Company, which was settled for £1,000.

(3.) The Public Service Board did hold an inquiry into this matter, and the fact was established "That the sum of £1,910, with interest £57 6s., was wrongfully paid by the then Under Secretary "for Public Works, Mr. Hickson, to Mr. John Allan, by which the Government lost the sum of "£1,000, a compromise having been arrived at by which the parties accepted that amount." Mr. Hickson was not called upon to refund the £1,000.

(4.) The Public Service Board reported:—"That the unfortunate mistake arose not on account of "the absence of system, but from the omission to apply it, in that the usual and necessary "safeguard of registration was, from the neglect of someone, omitted." I have now approved, however, of a recommendation submitted to me, that all contract deposits for the future are to be held by the Treasury.

(7.) Balloting for Homestead Selection Areas:—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the action of the Urana Land Board in excluding sons of farmers from ballot for homestead selection areas?

(2.) Under what provisions of the Land Acts do Land Boards act in excluding young men from ballot on the ground that their fathers propose to assist them to become settlers?

(3.) Under what authority has the Board, in deciding priority, excluded any applicant who is not disqualified according to the provisions of the Act?

(4.) Will he take steps to prevent Boards from wielding such a wide discretionary power, and so give all men not legally disqualified an equal opportunity at ballot?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Section 6 of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1899, provides that the order of priority of conflicting applicants shall be determined by the Local Land Board, and their decision is not subject to appeal.

(4.) The matter will receive consideration in connection with the new Land Bill.

(8.) Construction of Weirs, Districts of Burrowa and Queanbeyan :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the residents in the Districts of Burrowa and Queanbeyan pay or contribute any tax towards liquidating the debt that was incurred in the construction of weirs in those localities?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—So far no tax has been levied. Under the new Water Conservation Bill they will have to do so.

(9.) Reserves in the Neighbourhood of Dilga, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How is it that on the 24th July last Dr. Ross, on behalf of one of his constituents at Dilga, Molong District, county of Gordon, wrote drawing the attention of the Department to the fact that there are in the neighbourhood of Dilga no less than six reserves within a distance of 7 miles, to the great inconvenience of settlement and the public; and although an answer was promised at an early date, three months have since elapsed and no answer is yet forthcoming?

(2.) Who is answerable for this long and unnecessary delay in obtaining information in the interest of *bona fide* settlement and the general public?

Mr. Bennett answered,—It is presumed that the Honorable Member refers to the case of W. Austen, who applied to increase his holding out of Travelling Stock Reserve 13,808, parish of Benya. The case involved a reference to the Mines Department and to the local officer, who has been instructed to expedite action in the matter.

(10.) Iron Railing and Coping-stones Removed from Devonshire-street Cemetery, &c. :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What did the Government do with the iron railing and coping-stones, &c., that were removed from the Devonshire-street Cemetery and the old Police Barracks, the site selected for the new Central railway station?

(2.) Was the material sold; if so, to whom, and at what price?

(3.) If the material is still in the hands of the Government, what do they intend to do with it; and who is in charge of the same?

(4.) What is the probable or approximate value of the iron railing and coping-stones that were removed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) We had no offers for this material, and it was given to the Redfern Council for the Redfern Public Park, for the accommodation of thousands of people who attend that park every week. This is a practice that, I believe, has prevailed for many years with regard to public institutions.

(4.) About £667.

(11.) Tram-line, Crown-street :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is likely to be the cost of relaying or reduplicating the tram-line in Crown-street, from Oxford-street?

(2.) The extent of the line now under construction?

(3.) Is the work being carried out under contract or by day labour; if by day labour, the number of men that are employed on the job?

(4.) How long is it since the work was commenced, and when is it likely to be completed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This work is being carried out by the Railway Commissioners, and I am informed that—

(1.) The cost of relaying, duplicating, and repaving is estimated at £6,543.

(2.) 33 chains double track.

(3.) The work is being carried out by day labour under the supervision of the Tramway Engineer. The average number of men employed, working two shifts, is 105.

(4.) Commenced on the 19th September, and unless interfered with unduly by unfavourable weather, it is expected the work will be completed about 23rd November.

(12.) Travelling Expenses allowed to Messrs. Knibbs and Turner :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What amount was granted Messrs. Knibbs and Turner, Education Commissioners, for payment of travelling expenses; when did they leave; and for what period were they expected to be absent?

(2.) Has any additional amount been granted them; and when do they propose to return to the State?

Mr. Perry answered,—£1,000, provided on Estimates last year; an additional amount of £500 will be required. These amounts cover all cost of passage, travelling, and living expenses. They left here on 12th April, and are expected back about the end of this year.

(13.) Appointment of Detective Murphy :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the status and pay of Mr. Murphy, detective, recently engaged in London to join the New South Wales Police?

(2.) What is Mr. Murphy's age?

(3.) Is it a fact that prior to leaving for Australia Mr. Murphy had served twenty-five years in the London Police?

(4.) Was Mr. Murphy retired from the London Police Force on a pension, by reason of length of service?

(5.) What is the amount of any pension so granted?
(6.) What are the terms of the agreement under which Mr. Murphy has been engaged by the Government?
(7.) What are the duties which he is expected to perform; and what have been the direct results, to date, of his connection with the New South Wales Criminal Investigation Department?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies:—
(1.) Detective, first-class, with pay at the rate of 12s. per diem, allowance in lieu of quarters 1s. per diem, and clothing allowance of £6 10s. per annum approximately.
(2.) 52.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) Yes.
(5.) £86 13s. 4d. per annum.
(6.) For seven years, with pay and emoluments (*vide* answer to Question No. 1).
(7.) Ordinary detective duty. Sufficient time has not elapsed to admit of any opinion being formed.

(14.) Public Service:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) The number of persons of each of the principal religious denominations employed in the various branches of the Public Service?
(2.) The proportion of the foregoing to the total persons employed?
(3.) The proportion of each of the principal religions to the total population of the State?
(4.) The number of persons of each of the principal religious denominations who would be employed in the various branches of the Public Service if each denomination was represented by its actual proportion of the total population?

Sir John See answered,—A statement giving the information desired is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House on Tuesday next.

2. Suggested Legislation to benefit the Unemployed:—Mr. Arthur Griffith presented a Petition from William Dudley Flinn and John Dwyer, representing that at a duly-convened Conference of citizens of Sydney, certain resolutions were authorised to be embodied in a Petition recommending that measures be taken to effect a permanent settlement of the unemployed problem; that the Government should extend its functions as an employer of labour by operating iron and steel works, coal mines, brick works, cloth, clothing, boot, and furniture factories, by constructing all rolling-stock, abolishing contractors on public works, by constructing national irrigation and water conservation works, and by establishing a national bank; that the incidence of taxation should be readjusted in order that those who derive the chief benefit from the existence and protection of the State should bear proportionate burdens; that an Act should be passed establishing the right of all male adults to employment; that it should be enacted that eight hours constitute a legal maximum labour day; that the city of Sydney and adjacent municipalities should be controlled by a single Municipal Government; that the Parliament of New South Wales should empower the Parliament of the Commonwealth to legislate in all matters affecting the industrial condition of the workers; that the State should establish sugar and tobacco plantations, and undertake the grinding and refining of sugar and the curing and manufacture of tobacco; and should greatly increase the existing graduated probate duties in order that capital may be provided for industrial enterprises; that a State Insurance Department should be immediately established; and praying the House to take these matters into early and favourable consideration.
At the request of Mr. Griffith, the Petition was read by the Clerk by direction of Mr. Speaker.
Petition received.

3. Municipal Bill:—Mr. Winchcombe presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ashfield, representing that Petitioners hail with satisfaction the introduction of a new Municipal Bill; that the said Bill will tend materially to the more efficient working of municipalities; that while approving generally of the Bill as submitted, Petitioners endorse certain other provisions which are regarded as important and valuable additions; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration.
Petition received.

4. Papers:—
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Fruit Pests.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Public Park at Castlereagh.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. Closer Settlement Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted on 13th August, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act*, 1901, *and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th November.

7. BURWOOD MUNICIPAL LOAN VALIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 *OCTOBER*, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Meagher, Temporary Chairman, reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.

Point of Order :—Mr. Meagher stated that in Committee of Supply, the Estimate for the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, £55,380, being under consideration, Mr. Moore moved the reduction of the first item, £320, by £50, when the Closure was moved, under Standing Order No. 175, and carried, and thereupon Mr. Moore claimed the Right of Reply, which he, the Temporary Chairman, ruled could not be granted. Mr. Ashton having dissented from that ruling, the Committee submitted the matter for Mr. Speaker's decision.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that the matter referred involved an interpretation of Standing Orders Nos. 140 and 175. Under these, it had been alleged that the Temporary Chairman was in error in ruling that the mover of an amendment in Committee had no right of reply. The mover of an amendment in the House had no right of reply, nor could he have it in Committee. The effect of the "reply" referred to in the Standing Orders would be to close a Debate in the House, and in no sense could a reply be claimed in Committee, where no restriction existed in the number of speeches allowed. He must uphold the decision as given by the Temporary Chairman.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Nine o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Case of Robert Reid & Co. (Limited) against the Government:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In the case of Robert Reid & Co. (Limited), in which a verdict was recently given against the Government for £169,916, for value of land and compensation for resumption at Darling Harbour, what amount of legal costs was incurred in the case?

(2.) Is Robert Reid & Co. a Melbourne firm?

(3.) Was not part of the compensation granted on the ground that there was a right to renewal of the Crown lease?

(4.) Is it a fact that Robert Reid & Co. purchased the property, and then mortgaged it at a high figure to a firm consisting of men who mostly, if not wholly, belong to the firm of Robert Reid & Co.; and was not the claim based chiefly on the amount of the mortgage?

(5.) Will he lay all the papers in connection with the matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) It is impossible at present to say, as the plaintiffs' solicitors have not rendered their bill of costs.

(2.) I understand it is a Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and London firm.

(3.) I am informed that the Court did not differentiate in their judgment, or segregate the items of their verdict.

(4.) The mortgagees were not in any way connected with Robert Reid & Company, nor did the amount of mortgage affect the valuation.

(5.) It is quite unusual to deal with valuation cases in this way; but, of course, if the Honorable Member moves for their production, and the House agrees to the papers being laid upon the Table, I shall have this done.

(2.) Erection of Buildings on Circular Quay:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Sydney Harbour Trust is erecting two-storey buildings on the Circular Quay, thereby shutting out the view of residents fronting same?

(2.) Is he aware that many years ago, when Mr. Lord was Treasurer, buildings were in course of erection on the Circular Quay, but by order of the then Treasurer the same were discontinued, because it appears that when the land facing the quay was sold, including the site upon which the "Paragon Hotel" now stands, there was an understanding that the frontages would have an uninterrupted view of the water?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust has furnished the following replies:—

(1.) Owing to the increased area of wharf accommodation required for the ferry traffic, a portion of the roof had to be raised higher than is usual, and advantage was taken of this space, which would otherwise have been wasted, to provide accommodation from which a good return will be obtained.

(2.) The Commissioners are unaware that there was any such understanding as that referred to. The necessity for providing adequate accommodation for the ferry traffic has, to a certain extent, always caused an interference with the view of the water, but there will be no interruption of the view between the jetties.

(3.) Gundagai Hospital:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to an imbittered quarrel that has recently occurred over the management of the Gundagai Hospital?

(2.) As the institution is one that is subsidised by Government funds, what action, if any, does the Government intend to take in the matter to put a stop to these unpleasant bickerings arising in the management of these charitable and valuable institutions?

Sir John See answered,—I am not officially aware of any quarrel in connection with the management of the institution referred to, and, on inquiry, I am informed that no communication on the subject has been received by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government.

(4.) Moree-Inverell Railway:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are there any claims for compensation unsettled in connection with the Moree-Inverell Railway?

(2.) If so, how many cases are still unsettled; and what is the cause of the delay in each case?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Twenty-two cases still unsettled, of which seventeen are awaiting acceptance of offers, one claim not in order, one offer will be made in a fortnight, one offer just accepted and completion is now being pushed on, two awaiting reply from claimants to requisitions on title.

(5.) Steamship "Miowera":—*Mr. Whiddon*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he intend to lay upon the Table of this House the report of Captain Edie respecting the condition of the steamship "Miowera," and the result of his examination of same, as promised a fortnight since?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table copy of report of the Chief Engineer Surveyor to the Navigation Department on the subject.

2. Poisons Act:—*Mr. O'Conor*, for Mr. Levien, presented a Petition from certain storekeepers and others of Quirindi, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines.
Petition received.

3. Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from the Friendly Societies Association of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners have duly considered the Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill, introduced on 13th August last; that meetings specially called have carried resolutions in opposition to such Bill; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refuse to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.

4. North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill:—Mr. Frank Farnell presented a Petition from John Bede Magney, Robert Oswin Weynton, and Edward Robert Lanceley, carrying on business under the style of the "North Sydney Brick and Tile Company," praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway-line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway.
And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *North Shore and Manly Times* newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. Papers:—
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing number of persons of each of the principal religious denominations employed in the Public Service.

(2.) Report of the Chief Engineer Surveyor to the Navigation Department, respecting the condition of the s.s. "Miowera."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Expenditure on Roads in Drummoyne.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Burwood.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Burwood,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th November, 1902.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Property Detention Bill [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] postponed until Tuesday, 16th December.

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8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and "report.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Henry Clarke, Dr. Ross, Mr. Nobbs, "Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Edden, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill was discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

9. CONVEYANCING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dacey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for simplifying and improving the title to land; the practice of conveyancing; for amending in various particulars the law relating to property, and providing for legal charges; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for simplifying and improving the title to land; the practice of conveyancing; for amending in various particulars the law relating to property, and providing for legal charges; and for other purposes.

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

10. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL:—Mr. Affleck proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Affleck, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Edden, Mr. Estell, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Levy, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. Perry, Dr. Ross, Sir John See, and Mr. David Storey,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eighteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Imprisonment of a Postal Official, Nowra:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that a postal official at Nowra, receiving a salary of £78 per annum after a service of over ten years, and having a wife and three children to support, was convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment for stealing a letter, the property of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth?

(2.) Is he also aware of the fact that the presiding Judge refused to extend the provisions of the First Offenders Act in this case; and, if so, will he have the matter referred for investigation to the Attorney-General, so that that gentleman may determine whether or not it is one in which he may exercise his power of release?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) A junior letter-carrier named Barnett pleaded guilty at the last Wollongong Quarter Sessions to stealing a letter sent by post, containing money. A watch and several other letters, which had been stolen, were found in the prisoner's possession at the time of his arrest. During the past few months a number of letters have been reported missing from the Nowra Post Office, where Barnett was employed. The prisoner was in receipt of £90, not £78, per annum, and it is understood that he has a wife and three children.

(2.) It is not usual to extend the provisions of the Crimes Act, relating to first offenders, to cases of stealing letters sent by post. The amount of sentence is for the Judge to determine, and can only be reviewed by His Excellency the Governor, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, upon cause being shown by petition. In this case a sentence of nine months imprisonment was imposed, which does not, on the face of it, seem severe.

(2.) Band Association of New South Wales:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the persons composing the Band Association of New South Wales?

(2.) Where are their headquarters situated?

Sir John See answered,—The Registrar-General has furnished the following reply:—There is no association bearing the name of the Band Association of New South Wales registered in this Department. I will, however, cause further inquiries to be made.

(3.) The Murray River:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the outcome of his protest against the proposed action of the Victorian Government in the matter of calling for tenders for certain irrigation works in the Goulburn Valley, the water to serve which it was proposed to divert from the river Murray channel?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that the Victorian Government are proceeding with this scheme; and, if so, will he offer further protest against such interference with the riparian rights of this State?

Sir John See answered,—I sent the following letter to the Prime Minister of Victoria on the 1st:—

"Sir, "Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 1st November, 1902.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo. I "cannot, however, seriously regard it as an answer to mine of the 9th idem, but rather as evading "the question.

"In the *Argus* of the 22nd instant I find that your colleague, the Minister for Mines and "Water Supply, has introduced a Bill to provide for the supply of water from Long Lake to part "of the Eastern Mallee, and I understand that, in anticipation of this Bill, the work has been "actually commenced.

"This is a scheme which, like your proposed Tooleybue scheme, will involve the drawing off "of water from the Murray itself, and against this I feel bound, on behalf of New South Wales, "to protest, and again to express my regret at your professed inability to perceive the embarrassing "effect which the action of your Government must have upon the deliberations of the Commission, "one member of which is the highest professional officer of your own Water Supply Department.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

"(Signed) JOHN SEE,

"The Honorable the Premier of Victoria, Melbourne." "Premier and Chief Secretary.

(4.) Private Hospitals, Homes, and Nurses:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a letter written by Dr. F. Norton Manning, appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Saturday last, under the heading "Private Hospitals, Homes, and "Nurses"?

(2.) Will he take into consideration the suggestions contained in that letter as to (*a*) the registration, after Government inspection, of all private hospitals and so-called "homes," and the suppression of all such as are not so registered; (*b*) the registration by the Government, under legislative enactment, of all duly qualified nurses, and the prohibition of all such as are not qualified from exercising that calling?

Sir John See answered,—In accordance with the directions given by my honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, on 24th October, 1901, clauses have been prepared for insertion in the Public Health Act Amendment Bill, which provide for registration, and in case of need, cancellation or refusal of registration to all private hospitals after inspection by the Board of Health. It appears to be also desirable that all trained nurses should be registered under legislative enactment, and that only persons so registered should be permitted to practise nursing for gain, and to wear any distinctive dress; and I will, in the first place, refer this matter to the Board of Health for its consideration and opinion.

(5.) Long Cove Reclamation Land Resumption:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that an Act, No. 62 of 1901, to authorise the raising of a loan for the Public Service of the State, &c., was assented to on 20th December, 1901; and under the heading of "Harbours and Rivers" the sum of £2,000 appears for "Long Cove reclamation land resumption"?

(2.) If so, will he state how that money has been expended, and the names of the persons to whom the money has been paid?

(3.) When does he intend to carry out the resumption of the properties in Loftus and Walter Streets, Leichhardt, adjoining Long Cove Canal, required for drainage purposes sanctioned by his predecessor in office, and recommended by his own departmental officials?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The sum of £2,000 was voted in connection with the settlement of claims for land resumptions on the western side of Long Cove, and payments have been made to J. S. Ramsay, E. P. Ramsay, and Margaret Ramsay.

(3.) So soon as the necessary funds have been voted for the purpose.

(6.) Ocean-street Tramway:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the cable in connection with the Ocean-street tramway, which broke down on Saturday last, has only been in use three months?

(2.) What is the name of the contractor for this cable?

(3.) Why was it that this cable had to be removed after such a short life instead of its being repaired?

(4.) Is there any arrangement by which the cable has to be proved before the contractors are paid for it; if so, what trial is given before taking it over?

(5.) What is the name of the contractor for the previous cable, which appears to have given so much better service?

(6.) In view of the very great inconvenience to a large section of the public, when is it intended that the electric system shall come into use in order to avoid the inconvenience experienced on Saturday last?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) I am informed the cable has been in use for under three months.

(2.) H. E. Farmer. Maker, Bullivant Company.

(3.) It had developed what is technically known as "high strand" for a length of 2,800 feet out of 19,711 feet, and it was considered better to replace it than run the risk of further interruption to traffic by effecting temporary repairs only. At the same time the greater part of the rope is in very good order, and it will be used again in the second section of the line.

(4.) Some makers offer to give guarantees with ropes, but a higher price is asked, and it has been found more economical to purchase ropes from the recognised tramway rope manufacturers without special guarantee. The Department has had considerable experience with Bullivant's ropes, and they have generally given excellent results without guarantee.

(5.) H. E. Farmer. Maker, Bullivant Company.

(6.) It is anticipated that an auxiliary electric service can be given early next year, but it will be some time—until additional power is provided—before complete conversion can take place.

(7.)

(7.) Women's Franchise:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed that, according to Press reports, women throughout the country districts, as well as in Sydney, are averse to the female franchise, and that many absolutely refuse to have their names placed upon the Electoral Rolls?

(2.) Has not the experience so far gained shown that women generally do not desire to be burdened by an alleged "right" which may eventually destroy many of their privileges?

(3.) Is he satisfied now that the majority of women desire the franchise?

(4.) In view of the Press reports referred to, will he consider the advisability of either making registration and voting compulsory or repealing the female franchise altogether?

(5.) In view of the difficulties under which women in country districts will suffer if the Act be persevered with, will he take steps to provide more polling-booths in the sparsely-populated districts, or of voting by post?

(6.) Will he reconsider his decision to provide separate polling-booths for women—at any rate, outside of the county of Cumberland—and so prevent the cost of an election being greatly increased?

(7.) Will he state if the cost of the next general election, added to our extra share of the Federal election, will not be increased, on account of woman suffrage, by at least £25,000—that is, including the cost of preparing rolls, extra revision courts, and extra polling-booths and officials?

(8.) If he cannot see his way to release women generally from accepting political responsibility, will he see that they are given every facility, particularly in country districts, in exercising the franchise?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 to 4.) This is now the law, and can only be altered by Parliament.

(5.) Yes; more accommodation will be provided.

(6.) Answered by No. 5.

(7.) It cannot be definitely stated what will be the cost; but that is only a feature in the granting of adult suffrage.

(8.) Yes.

(8.) Climate of New South Wales:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he obtain from the Government Medical Officer of Health a report showing,—

(1.) The influence the climate of New South Wales has upon the constitution of the European compared with the native-born population?

(2.) If the climate of New South Wales has any exciting or predisposing tendency towards the development of pulmonary diseases, as consumption, &c.?

(3.) Information, founded on the laws of climatology or hygiene, &c.; and why, in the alleged salubrious climate of New South Wales and other States, so many of our best and brightest citizens, young and old, die so suddenly, from contracting chills and pneumonia; and the reason why this disease has become of late years so prevalent and fatal in our midst, compared with the early days of colonisation and settlement?

(4.) If sleeping with open bedroom windows at night, travelling (especially at night) in open electric tram-cars, railway travelling, surrounded by clouds of dust, saturated with all manner of germ-producing diseases or micro-organisms, dress, diet, or habits of the people, bathing, &c., anything in promoting or increasing the spread and prevalence of disease in our midst of late years, or from what other source is the spread and prevalence of disease to be accounted for?

(5.) If any diseases of a special character endemic to the climate of New South Wales, and from which European constituents are exempt?

(6.) Any reasons to account for the increasing spread and prevalence of cancer, tuberculosis, &c., occurring in man and beast in the climate of Australia of late years?

(7.) The names of any known medical resident or layman (even connected with our University or schools of medicine) in the State of New South Wales since the foundation of the Colony, extending over 110 years, who have published any scientific treatise or publication, either for or against the climate of Australia, in regard to public health or the influence the laws of climate have upon the production of disease or the protection of public health?

(8.) If colonisation and settlement has had anything to do in causing the spread and propagation of disease, it is not incumbent on the part of the Department of Public Health to instruct the public in the most up-to-date modern principles pertaining to the laws of health and hygiene, for their guidance and protection either by the publication of some practical treatise on the subject or the enactment of a Public Health Act in keeping with and suitable with increasing settlement and the progressive advancement of the State?

Sir John See answered,—An efficient Public Health Act is in force; it took effect on 1st January, 1897. An Amending Act has been prepared, and is ready for introduction at the earliest opportunity. The Department of Public Health has from time to time during the past five or six years already taken the course suggested by the Honorable Member, by distributing numerous pamphlets on a variety of health topics.

(9.) Custom-house Agents:—*Mr. Mackenzie*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many Custom-house agents or firms, who clear, enter, and pass Entries outside of their own business, have paid the fee?

(2.) What are the names of the Custom-house agents who have paid the fees?

(3.) Do any firms, other than those who have paid the fees, enter and clear vessels at Customs and do Customs work, &c.; if they do, why are they allowed to do so; and what are the names of the firm or firms who do this?

Sir John See answered,—May I remind the Honorable Member that the Customs Department has now passed to the control of the Federal Government, and that consequently I have no means of obtaining the information he desires.

(10.) Amending Fire Brigades Bill:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he include the Amending Fire Brigades Bill among the measures which he proposes to introduce before the close of this Session?

Sir John See answered,—Yes, if time will permit.

(11.) Abolition of School Fees:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Respecting his promise made to a deputation from the Labour League that he would support a Bill for the abolition of school fees in 1904, is it a fact that such financial year will be able to stand the loss of £70,000 of revenue better than the present financial year?

Sir John See answered,—I hope for better times as regards seasons and the passing of the Federal tariff—which gives the State a much larger revenue. The proposal should, in my opinion, be accomplished.

2. Local Government Bill:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from W. Riley, Mayor, and C. A. Cork, Council Clerk, of the Municipal District of Ulladulla, representing that for many years Petitioners have waited for the realization of the promise of a Local Government Bill; that such a measure in Queensland and Victoria has given general satisfaction to the taxpayer, and praying the House to urge the passing of a Local Government Bill.
Petition received.

3. Totalizator Bill:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from certain electors, citizens, and residents of New South Wales, representing that it would be impossible to prevent gaming in connection with horse-racing; that gaming should be checked and supervised by the Government; that the legalising of the instrument known as the Totalizator on racecourses would provide the best means for such supervision; that where such instrument is established most of the abuses complained of have disappeared; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may be passed into law.
Petition received.

4. Poisons Act:—Mr. Price presented a Petition from certain storekeepers and others of Hannah Bay, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines.
Petition received.

5. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the completion of the Woolloomooloo Bay Low-level Drainage.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(2.) Schedules A to D, Estimates, 1902–3, Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.)
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(5.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the National Park Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1902.
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of North Illawarra.
(3.) By-law of the Borough of Cootamundra.
(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Bexley.
(5.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Wine Adulteration Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.
Question put and passed.

7. Road, Currabubula to Tamworth, Werris Creek or Duri to Tamworth (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all documents, papers, and petitions from either the Secretary of the Currabubula or Duri Progress Committees, or any person or persons whatsoever, relating to the road, Currabubula to Tamworth, Werris Creek or Duri to Tamworth, and especially all papers, letters, petitions, or documents presented by the Mover of this resolution relating to the said road.
Question put and passed.

8. North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway-line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway-line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway,*"—read a first time.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] postponed until Wednesday next.

10. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE BILL (No. 2):—On motion of Mr. Affleck, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

11. CONVEYANCING BILL:—Mr. Sullivan, pursuant to leave granted on 4th November, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for simplifying and improving the title to land; the practice of conveyancing; for amending in various particulars the law relating to property, and providing for legal charges; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Graving Dock at the Port of Newcastle*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Graving Dock at the Port of Newcastle.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House adjourned, at quarter past Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Milson's Island, Hawkesbury River :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Who is the owner of Milson's Island, in the Hawkesbury River, resumed for the purposes of an Inebriate Asylum; how was this island acquired by such owner; and at what cost, if any?
(2.) What improvements, if any, have been effected on Milson's Island by the owner, and has land tax been paid upon its unimproved value; if so, on what amount has such tax been charged?
(3.) What claim is being made by the owner in the shape of compensation for resumption?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Alfred George Milson and John Alma Minnett, trustees of the estate of the late Robert Milson. No offer has yet been made.
(2.) Residential premises and out-houses were erected. Land tax has been charged upon an unimproved value of £760.
(3.) A claim has been made for £2,250.

(2.) Erection of Bridge over Cook's Creek, near Parkes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are tenders likely to be called for, for the erection of the bridge over Cook's Creek, on the road from Mount Aubrey to Parkes, on the Parkes and Wellington mail road; and the cause of the delay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There is no record in the Department of a bridge to be erected over Cook's Creek. Perhaps the Honorable Member will furnish further information on the subject, and I then will make inquiries to see what is being done.

(3.) Bulgar Billeroy Bore, Coonamble District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are tenders likely to be invited for sinking the bore that was surveyed by Mr. Danby over four months ago, known as Bulgar Billeroy Bore, in Coonamble District, several selectors in that locality, Coosan and Culwell, of Gunyillah, and others, being anxious that the bore should be proceeded with in the interest of settlement?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A communication was received in the Department on 29th ultimo, forwarded on behalf of Mr. C. L. J. Croxon, one of the prominent movers in this matter, which stated that Mr. Croxon had entered into a contract to put down a private bore, which, when complete, will serve all concerned; and requested that further progress with reference to the Government bore be stopped. It is therefore proposed that further action by the Department be abandoned.

(4.) State School Children :—Mr. Archer asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to an allegation, made by the Reverend J. Hanley, to the effect that the State schools are destructive of the morality of the children?
(2.) If these allegations are true, will he take steps to remedy the evil?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) My attention has been called to the false statements made, which were to the effect that "to "send children to State schools was in most cases to destroy their religion and morality," and that "it was heartrending, if one loved a child, to think of the many children who lost their innocence "and purity in State schools."
(2.) I will ascertain whether it is not possible to punish the slanderers of our Public School children.

(5.)

(5.) Dismissal of Night-officer Percy Woods, Railway Station, Lindfield:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Night-officer Percy Woods, who was in charge of the signalling apparatus at Lindfield Station on Monday, 27th October, when a collision took place between two trains, has been dismissed for causing the accident?

(2.) Is it a fact that this was that officer's first appearance at this station, and that he had merely taken up the duties as an act of kindness, to relieve an officer who was about to be married?

(3.) Is it a fact that Woods, in his defence, stated that he had been misled by a moving light on the track, which caused him to start the train?

(4.) Does he approve of such a practice as that being permitted when trains are waiting to move; and does he not think that the carrier of that light was guilty of primary negligence, to which Woods only contributed?

(5.) Will he consider the advisability, should Woods' previous railway history be satisfactory, of finding him employment in another branch of the Service?

(6.) Is it a fact that the driver of the moving train, in his presence of mind and capacity to put the brakes on at a critical period, reduced what might have been a holocaust to human life and a tremendous loss to rolling-stock to what the Commissioners designate "a minor collision"?

(7.) Will he, if that assertion be correct, take steps towards having the driver's efforts fittingly recognised?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that action was taken as indicated. I am not aware of the facts, and would point out to the Honorable Member that if Mr. Woods considered himself unjustly dealt with, the Railways Appeals Act provided a method for the matter being investigated. In regard to the driver, it would appear that he efficiently carried out his duties on the occasion.

(6.) Sewer, Circular Quay:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the estimated cost of the sewer recently constructed round Circular Quay by the Sewerage Branch of the Public Works Department?

(2.) What was the actual total cost by day labour of this work?

(3.) What amount is included in the above statement of cost for clerical and other work performed by permanent officers of the Works Department?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The estimated cost of this work was £8,000, but the Principal Engineer for Sewerage states that this estimate was only approximate, as many old drains and sewers, of which no record existed, had to be intercepted as the work proceeded.

(2.) £9,171 9s. 3d.

(3.) £910 19s. 6d.—this includes the cost of survey, design, and supervision.

(7.) Proposals of the Government for Constitutional Reform:—*Mr. Davidson*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make any definite statement as to when he will give this House an opportunity of considering the proposals of the Government for Constitutional reform?

Sir John See answered,—The House would have had an opportunity long before this of considering these proposals if the motion for leave to introduce the Bill had not been blocked night after night by an objection taken by Mr. Nobbs, the Whip of the Opposition Party. I intend, however, before the end of the Session to ensure a full consideration of the matter.

(8.) Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Chief Judge in Equity said, in the case of the Pitt-street Presbyterian Church resumptions, he would postpone the case to give time for the Presbyterian Church Bill, now before the House, to become law, and that he wished someone to convey to the Premier his remarks respecting the said Bill?

(2.) Has a report of the said remarks been conveyed to him?

(3.) Will he resume the consideration of the said Bill immediately the Estimates, now before the House, are dealt with; if not, when will he take the matter in hand, seeing the Judge has intimated he wishes the Bill to become law before he again deals with the question?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1 and 2.) The Crown Solicitor informs me that the Chief Judge in Equity stated that he saw nothing in these proceedings to debar Parliament from dealing with the matter, and advised the postponement of the petition to give time for the Bill now before the House to be dealt with one way or the other. He wished someone to convey to the Premier his remarks on this point.

(3.) The Attorney-General advises that there is no reason why the Bill before Parliament should not be proceeded with, and the matter is now receiving attention.

I have arranged to receive two deputations on this matter—one in favour and the other not favourable to the Bill. After I have received them, I shall be prepared to proceed with the matter.

(9.) Exportation of Dairy Cattle to Japan:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any order been received by the Government from the Commercial Agent at Japan for a number of dairy cattle?

(2.) If so, to whom has the order been referred?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No such order has been received. There is a representative of the Japanese Government in this State selecting dairy stock, but not through the Government.

(10.) Public Service:—*Mr. Quinn*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to the return furnishing the numbers of various religious denominations employed in the Public Service,—

(1.) What is the total amount paid per annum to the members of the religious denominations therein referred to?

(2.)

(2.) What is the remuneration *per capita* of the members of such religious denominations in the Public Service?

(3.) What percentage of such religious denominations receive remuneration at the rate of £900 per annum and upwards?

(4.) What public positions are there where over £900 a year is received as salary or remuneration; and the amounts so paid for each respective office or position?

(5.) What percentage of the religious denominations referred to in the said return receive remuneration over £500 and under £900?

(6.) The like return in regard to those receiving over £300 and under £500?

(7.) The like return from those receiving under £300 per annum?

Sir John See answered,—I have no means of answering these Questions except by reference to each Department of the State, which would take some considerable time and involve expense, but the information will be afforded as early as possible. The information already given in regard to the number of persons of each religion was furnished by the Statistician and obtained from the Census returns.

(11.) Public Service:—*Mr. Quinn*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What appointments have been made to the Public Service since the present Administration took office?

(2.) What is the percentage of religious denominations in such appointments?

Sir John See answered,—A return giving this information will be prepared as early as possible and laid on the Table of the House.

(12.) Resumption of Presbyterian Church Property:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have before him the papers relating to the resumption of the Presbyterian Church property at the rear of the Cathedral, when the Estimates of the Sydney Harbour Trust are under consideration, for the information of members?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Works Department has not resumed property at the rear of the Cathedral from the Presbyterian Church.

(13.) Remission of Selectors' Interest, Timber-getters' Licenses, &c.:—*Mr. Davidson*, for Mr. Morton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of his promise to a Labour Party deputation on Monday, 3rd November, in reference to Public School fees, will he now make a similar promise in respect of the remission of selectors' interest, timber-getters' licenses, cabmen's licenses, miners' rights, and other charges on settlers and workers—viz., to assent to remit the same by a measure to come into operation on 1st January, 1904?

Sir John See answered,—No.

(14.) Appeals from Officers of the Taxation Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many appeals from officers of the Taxation Department against grading are still under consideration by the Public Service Board, and when are decisions likely to be given?

Sir John See answered,—So far as the Public Service Board are aware, there is only one appeal from an officer of the Taxation Department still under consideration. This has only just been made, and is being dealt with. If the Honorable Member refers to the case of certain officers of the temporary staff who have not been transferred to the permanent staff under the provisions of the Public Service (Taxation Officers) Act, 1900, there are four such cases still under consideration. These cases have been before the Board on several occasions, but there are certain reasons which have precluded a definite decision being arrived at. If the Honorable Member so desires, he can see the papers in these cases.

2. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

3. Papers:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to the Supply of Explosives for the year 1901–2.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Return respecting proposed validation under the provisions of section 44 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Davidson, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dick, Mr. Edden, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. Standing Orders Committee (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Members of the Standing Orders Committee who are unable to attend when summoned should resign, so as to enable others to be appointed who may be able and willing to attend when required for the purpose of considering and, if found necessary, amending the present Standing Orders of this House.

Question put and passed.

6. Supply:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Business (*by consent*) postponed until next sitting day:—
   (1.) Remaining Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of Government Business.
   (2.) Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1 to 12.
   (3.) Notice No. 1 of General Business.

8. CLAIMS OF CONTRACTORS, MOSMAN AND MIDDLE HARBOUR SEWERAGE:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee upon "Claims of Contractors, "Mosman and Middle Harbour Sewerage," brought up on 23rd October, 1901, be now adopted.
   Debate ensued.
   Question put and passed.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kidd (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
   Debate ensued.
   Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Claim of Captain the Comte de Rossi:—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) As the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has omitted to answer the Question on the 21st October, in reference to claim of Captain the Comte de Rossi, will he state under what law the Crown require security for costs?

(2.) Has the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice been made aware that it has been decided by the Full Court at Melbourne, "The whole of Australia has been made one single jurisdiction, "and the fact that the plaintiff was insolvent or poor was not by itself a ground for ordering "security for costs. To necessitate security it would be necessary to show something like abuse of "the process of the Court on the part of plaintiff"?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The Honorable Member is under some misapprehension. The Crown considers there is a valid defence to this claim, both on the facts and on the law; certain of the legal defences are so clear that even the plaintiff can see that the action cannot succeed, if the defences be pleaded. The Crown will not abandon the defences, except upon the equitable terms that the plaintiff will pay the costs to which the country will be put by defending this unfounded claim, as he cannot possibly succeed in this action. The question of security for costs is not in any way demanded as a right; it is simply the terms offered for the concession of withdrawing a legal defence pleaded in order to protect the public revenue. Had the Comte de Rossi a vestige of a legal claim, there would be no difficulty in obtaining the requisite security.

(2.) The quotation of the Honorable Member is a portion of a judgment in a case where the Court was asked to order security for costs. Such proceedings are not contemplated in this case.

(2.) Cycle Ground at rear of Victoria Barracks, Paddington:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who is the secretary of the cycle ground at the rear of Victoria Barracks, Paddington?

(2.) Has he the authority to expend Government money on this track without the authority of Parliament?

(3.) Has Government property from other Government works been carted to this ground; and, if so, from where and which works?

(4.) Has the Government volunteered to support this ground with an annual grant?

(5.) For whose use is the ground?

(6.) Was the ground granted to the Public Schools in the first instance, and then taken from them by the Minister for Works?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague is not aware that any secretary has been appointed.

(2.) Whatever money is allotted is granted out of funds voted by Parliament.

(3.) Permission was granted the trustees to remove a stand from the Centennial Park to the Sports Ground, also to use some of the planks from the old Pyrmont Bridge; and such has been done.

(4.) No.

(5.) The land has been placed under the control of trustees representing the schools and athletic bodies.

(6.) No.

(3.) Stock and Rabbit Boards:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he proposes, under the Pastures Protection Bill, to leave the present Stock and Rabbit Boards in existence until an election takes place under the Pastures Protection Act?

(2.) Is such election to take place at the beginning of the year, notwithstanding the fact that the Rabbit Boards of the State have been elected within the last few months?

(3.) If such election is delayed, will he consider whether the two present Boards have not the right to make two separate assessments at the beginning of the year?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

(1.) Yes. (*Vide* Clause 2 of the Bill.)

(2.) The first election is to be held at such time as the Minister shall direct. (See Clause 7.)

(3.) My honorable colleague will consider the matter.

(4.) Ptomaine Poisoning:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the numerous cases of ptomaine poisoning recently reported in the Press, alleged to have been caused through the sale of cooked and preserved foods in the city and suburbs, will he cause the Health authorities to make investigations as to the truth or otherwise of these reports?

(2.) As at this season of the year such foods are largely in demand amongst all classes of the community, and in view of the seriousness of many of the cases that have already occurred, will he take immediate steps in this matter, both as a guarantee to the public and for the protection of the small-goods shopkeepers in the city and suburbs?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Cases of ptomaine poisoning which have lately occurred in Sydney are under investigation by the Medical Officer of Health for the Metropolitan Combined Districts, and a case recently reported from the country is under inquiry by medical officers of the Department of Public Health. As soon as the facts have been ascertained, the subject will be taken into consideration by the Board of Health with a view to taking such action or to making such recommendations as may seem necessary in the general public interest.

(5.) Clearing Gang on the Burren Junction to Walgett Railway Line:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it expected that the clearing gang will finish the clearing of the line from Burren Junction to Walgett?

(2.) Immediately this work is completed, will he at once take steps to have the gang put on the branch from Burren Junction to Collarendabri, and thus expedite the construction of this branch?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) About the end of this year.

(2.) Yes.

(6.) New Building at rear of Australian Museum:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the object of constructing the portion of the new building at back of Australian Museum?

(2.) Is it of any practical utility in its present state?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The trustees report that the building affords storage space for the ethnological collection and enabled the old temporary annex, which contained the collection in question, to be pulled down. The basement consists of workshops.

(2.) Yes; storage space and workshops.

(7.) Lake George:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he favour the proposal to drain Lake George, so that the 30,000 acres comprised in same may be rendered available for settlement?

(2.) Is such a proposal in keeping with the principles of his water conservation policy?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There is a great diversity of opinion upon this matter in the district and elsewhere. Some hold the belief that Lake George should be filled to a further depth, and utilised as a great reservoir to irrigate the plains. This, however, is a work for the future. The lake is one of the attractions of the Lake George site as a position for the Federal Capital, and, till that is decided, the question of drainage, or otherwise, must stand over. The party from the Public Works Department, now near Lake George, is carrying out borings for Mr. Alexander Oliver, Federal Capital Commissioner, and all the work they are doing will be of value in connection with that inquiry. By some error on our part, this was made to appear as the basis for a provision for a survey by the Lands Department.

(8.) Proposed Inebriates Asylum:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many offers of sites for the proposed inebriates asylum were made to the Government; and by whom were same made; and what where the values set upon same respectively?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(9.) Unionist and Non-unionist Employees, Sydney Harbour Trust:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When does he propose to lay upon the Table of this House the Report showing the number of mechanics, unionist and non-unionist, also the same with reference to labourers, employed by the Harbour Trust, as promised a couple of weeks back?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

(10.) Narrabri, Walgett, and Collarendabri Railway:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he seen the telegram, in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 6th November, from Wee Waa, conveying resolutions passed by the residents of that town, dealing with the following matters:—

(*a*) Protest against the delay that is occurring in opening the line for the conveyance of passengers and

and mails, and urging the Minister for Works to have the same opened without delay; (*b*) The critical condition of all stock in the district, in consequence of utter collapse of all kinds of herbage, and appealing to the Minister for Works to have trucking yards completed without further loss of time, to enable stock-owners to remove the remnants of their stock to relief country at the earliest dates; (*c*) Protesting against the starving stock rates on fodder being abolished, as the country is now in a most perilous position, and the annihilation of all stock is imminent unless they are hand-fed or removed to relief country at an early date?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to have these matters remedied with as little delay as possible, under the extreme circumstances?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—These matters have already been attended to, instructions having been issued with regard to running traffic as regards goods and passengers. With regard to the mails, however, the Department cannot interfere with the arrangements made by the Federal Government, which might perhaps be approached by those interested. I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that they have no present intention of abolishing the nominal rates for fodder to drought districts.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation, No. 262A, under the Crown Lands Acts. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the number of mechanics and labourers, unionists and non-unionists, employed by the Sydney Harbour Trust.

(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Tumut, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. FEES PAID TO BARRISTERS BY THE LYNE-SEE ADMINISTRATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Daley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the fees paid to individual barristers-at-law by the Government during the Lyne-See Administration. Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) [*Mr. Arthur Griffith*] postponed until Thursday next.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 154.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bulbodney; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 7th November, 1902.

(2.) Temora to Barellan Railway Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 155.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Temora to Barellan; to amend the Public Works Act*, 1900, *so far as it relates to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the imposition of a tax on certain lands in connection with such line; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 7th November, 1902.

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

(1.) Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 156.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th November, 1902.

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

(2.) Liquor Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 157.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th November, 1902.

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

(3.) Land Tax (Leases) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 158.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th November, 1902.

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

(4.) Public Service (Declaratory and Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 159.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th November, 1902.

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

7. ABSENTEE TAX:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, "the financial condition of this State demands that" an absentee tax should be forthwith imposed to compel persons living abroad, and drawing their incomes from property in New South Wales, to contribute their proper quota towards the revenue of the State.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "the financial "condition of this State demands that"
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 *NOVEMBER,* 1902, A.M.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Estimates of Expenditure :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the failure of the harvest, and the consequent serious loss of railway and other revenues, is it his intention to recast the Estimates of Expenditure for the present financial year ?

Sir John See answered,—I refer the honorable gentleman to the return published in the *Government Gazette*—dated 31st October, 1902—which shows that the revenue for the four months of this financial year is £313,697 8s. 4d. in excess of the corresponding period of the previous financial year. It is not the intention of the Government to recast the Estimates; but if grave difficulties should arise by reason of the drought in some portions of our State, and our revenue is seriously reduced, the question of expenditure will be duly considered.

(2.) Sydney Harbour Trust :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact when the members of the Harbour Trust, Messrs. Hickson, Beaton, and Waller, were appointed, it was for the purpose, amongst other things, of remodelling and reconstructing the foreshores of Darling Harbour ?

(2.) Has any of that remodelling or reconstruction been accomplished ; if so, to what extent, and what is the nature of the same ?

(3.) If none of that work has been carried out, or only a small portion of it, is it the intention of the members of the Harbour Trust to take immediate steps to carry out what they were appointed to do ?

(4.) If it is the intention to leave such work in abeyance, are the duties now imposed on them sufficient to warrant the salaries provided for them ?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners were not appointed for any special purpose beyond that of administering the Sydney Harbour Trust Act in the best interests of the State. The remodelling and reconstructing of the foreshores of the harbour is being carried out in such a way as to provide the greatest convenience to the shipping interests. You cannot do everything in a day.

(3.) Residence for the Admiral of the Australian Station :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a Sydney property recently purchased to be used as a residence by the Admiral of the Australian Station ; if so, what was the price paid for same ?

(2.) What were the properties given by the Imperial Government to the New South Wales Government in exchange for Garden Island and other State possessions ; where are such properties situate ; and of what character are they ?

(3.) Of what aggregate value are the properties referred to ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes ; £8,000.

(2.) A description of the properties referred to will be found in the schedule to the Order-in-Council, a copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(3.) Value not ascertained. I know an attempt has been made to have a certain portion of His Majesty's navy transferred to some other part of the Commonwealth. Upwards of £300,000 per annum is spent in this port and in this State by the Admiralty, and I may tell the House frankly that I consulted my honorable friend the leader of the Opposition before I made the purchase referred to ; and for this reason, that £6,000 had been voted by Parliament, and in view of the fact

fact that I thought it desirable to retain the full force of the naval strength of Great Britain here, I considered that the expenditure of another £2,000 to accommodate the Captain in charge of the Garden Island works would be a very small expenditure indeed compared with the good we should receive. When we had undertaken, as a Government, to expend whatever was thought necessary by the Admiralty on Garden Island, and when it was decided that that was not a suitable place for the residence of the Captain in charge, the payment of this additional money was only another form of carrying out the contract entered into by the Government of New South Wales with the Imperial authorities, in order to make Sydney the headquarters of the Admiralty in the Commonwealth, and I think it is a very good expenditure.

(4.) Tooleybuc Irrigation Works:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he noticed the statement of the Victorian Premier, in *re* the Tooleybuc Irrigation Works, to the effect that "there had been the strongest representation by the Governments of "New South Wales and South Australia; he had taken up a definite stand with regard to that "question, and intended to adhere to that position"?
(2.) Is he aware of the fact that the carrying out of this scheme will seriously affect the riparian rights of New South Wales; and, if so, will he enter a further protest against the high-handed action in this respect of the Victorian State Premier?

Sir John See answered,—The rights of the State of New South Wales will be preserved in a legal manner, whatever the consequences may be.

(5.) Closer Settlement Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has he included in his Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act a provision which will enable the Crown to resume estates at not more than 10 per cent. beyond the owners' valuation for taxation purposes, with value of improvements added?
(2.) If he has not done this, will he frame a clause to meet the case?

Mr. Crick answered,—The Bill is on the Table. The Honorable Member can read it, and I trust he will understand it.

(6.) Ptomaine Poisoning:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he obtain from the Government Medical Officer of Health a report as to the cause and frequent occurrence of ptomaine poisoning that has occurred of late in our midst, and the source from which this serious, sudden, and dangerous illness arises?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has been requested to furnish a report on the subject.

(7.) Infectious Diseases in Stock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he furnish a list of the infectious diseases to which sheep, cattle, and horses in the State of New South Wales are most subject; and the districts, if any, in which such diseases are most prevalent?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be obtained and furnished in the form of a return.

(8.) Land Tax on Holdings in the Counties of Ashburnham and Gordon:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the approximate number of acres and holdings of land in the county of Ashburnham and county of Gordon upon which the land tax at the present time is paid?
(2.) The amount derived from the same in the two counties respectively?

Sir John See answered,—As the land-tax records are kept according to owners, and as many owners and financial institutions have lands in different portions of the State, the information asked for could not readily be compiled. I will give the Honorable Member all the information that can be afforded.

(9.) Wooden Viaducts at Eastern Creek, Rope's Creek, &c., &c.:—*Mr. W. F. Hurley*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware of the very dangerous state of the wooden viaducts at Eastern Creek, Rope's Creek, Penrith, and Emu Plains?
(2.) How many stays have been put to strengthen the girders in the bridge from Penrith to the Nepean Bridge?
(3.) Is it a fact that two uprights have been placed between every set of piles and logs underneath, which have wedges to force them right to the girders?
(4.) When will the new viaduct be started to replace this worn-out wooden structure; and what is the probable cost of the new viaduct?
(5.) Is it intended to replace the old wooden bridges at Rope's Creek, Eastern Creek, and Emu Plains, or any of them?
(6.) When was the wooden bridge over Eastern Creek erected; also, Rope's Creek Bridge; also, Penrith Viaduct?
(7.) What has been the cost of removing decayed timber from each of the above bridges—Eastern Creek, Rope's Creek, and viaduct from Penrith station to Nepean River; and the cost of renewals, timber, labour, &c., during the year 1891, and up to 1st July, 1902?

Sir John See answered,—I am not aware that the structures referred to are in the state alleged, and, as previously pointed out to the Honorable Member, I am informed the viaducts in the vicinity of Penrith are properly maintained and the interests of the travelling public safeguarded. The detailed information asked for will involve considerable labour in preparation, and should be moved for in the form of a return.

(10.) Breadstuffs and Fodder :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the Government intend to take any special action in view of the continued shortage of local supplies of breadstuffs and fodder?

(2.) What special action, if any, does the Government intend to take to mitigate the present serious condition of persons dependent on the agricultural and pastoral industries of the State?

Sir John See answered,—It is impossible to ascertain until the harvest is over whether there will be any serious shortage of fodder required to maintain the stock of this State. With regard to any shortage in breadstuffs for the ensuing year, it is satisfactory to know that supplies to meet any shortage can be obtained elsewhere. The prospects throughout the Eastern Division of this State, and in a considerable portion of the Central Division, is reported to be favourable. I can say for myself that, from Newcastle right on to the Queensland border, or, at any rate, as far as Glen Innes, the country is in a more flourishing condition than I ever saw it before. The Government cannot anticipate what may happen. It is impossible to conjecture what the result of the season's operations may be.

(11.) Appointment of Clergymen to the Commission of the Peace :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the appointment of two clergymen to the Commission of the Peace, on what grounds were the appointments recommended?

(2.) Will he refrain from issuing the commission until this House has an opportunity of expressing its opinion on the expediency of appointing officiating clergymen to the Commission of the Peace?

Sir John See answered,—On the 5th November I saw the Reverend Mr. Lane, and he expressed his wish not to have the commission for his appointment as a magistrate issued, and I determined that I would carry out his wish. In regard to the Reverend Mr. Woolnough, he has left the matter entirely in my hands. He wrote to me yesterday, and I propose not to issue the commission in his case. If, as the Honorable Member for Coonamble interjects, there are cases where clergymen have been appointed in the country behind the back of the Member for the district, I am not aware of it. If it should appear that such cases have occurred, I will not issue the commission in those cases. I may say that the Methodist churches, having recently amalgamated, and the transfer of deeds and a variety of other important matters being rendered necessary, it was thought desirable that these gentlemen should be appointed to the Commission of the Peace. But there appears to be, in the minds of some people, some grave reason why that should not be done. I saw Mr. Lane on the 5th of this month, before the agitation which was got up in regard to the matter. The other gentleman, in view of the fact that it might cause some inconvenience, and perhaps lead to some disappointment on the part of others who might be desirous of being placed on the Commission of the Peace, very generously, gracefully, and sensibly left the matter in my hands as to whether the commission should be issued. A recommendation was made to me that these two gentlemen should be put on the Commission of the Peace for the reasons already stated. The one felt it incumbent upon him to request that the Commission should not be issued, and the other left the matter entirely in my hands; and for the sake of peace in this community, and to prevent turmoil and contention, I propose not to issue the commission.

2. Papers :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Supplement to the Sixth Annual Report of the Public Service Board, with an Appendix relating to the Superannuation Account.

(2.) Despatch respecting the question of procedure to be adopted with regard to Letters of Request from Foreign Tribunals.

(3.) Amended Gaol Regulation No. 78 under the Prisons Act, 1899.

(4.) Report respecting the Band Association of New South Wales.

(5.) Report respecting the accident at the Gymnasium in the Domain.

(6.) Despatch respecting the transfer of certain Military Lands, Works, and Buildings in New South Wales from the Imperial Government to the Colonial Government.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] postponed until Wednesday next.

4. Adjournment :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Glebe, Mr. Hogue, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "Recent "appointments to the Commission of the Peace."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Messages from the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Burwood*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) State Children's Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of neglected or uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to constitute children's courts; and to provide for the licensing of children offering things for sale*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(3.) Issue of Process at Country Towns Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the issue of process at country towns*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. LIQUOR BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

7. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.
Question put and passed.

8. LAND TAX (LEASES) BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

9. PUBLIC SERVICE (DECLARATORY AND AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.
Question put and passed.

10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.
Question put and passed.

11. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, including the amendment in the Title, disagreed to others, and amended others of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

12. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—On motion of Mr. Perry, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

13. UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

14. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law of defamation.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law of defamation.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law of Defamation*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Roads and Bridges in the Electorates of Macquarie, Raleigh, &c., &c.:—*Mr. Eden George*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many miles of roads are there in the following electorates, viz.:—Macquarie, Raleigh, Gloucester, Grafton, Richmond, Northumberland, and Coonamble?

(2.) How many bridges were erected in each of the above electorates from the 23rd July, 1901, to the 30th September, 1902; and what was the cost of each?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am unable to furnish answers to these Questions without reference to the local officers. Reports will be obtained, and the information supplied with the least possible delay.

(2.) Expenditure on Loan Services:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the expenditure on Loan Services, paid from Loan Votes during the current financial year to 31st October last, amounted to the sum of £1,670,022; and will he explain the cause of the large increase?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes, it is a fact, but the large expenditure was occasioned by the great number of claims paid on account of the resumptions at Darling Harbour; these amounted to £724,576. The urgent requirements for new rolling-stock on the railways and tramways necessitated a large expenditure, which amounted to £348,669; and for general Public Works and Services the expenditure was £596,777; making a total of £1,670,022. During the corresponding period of last year the payments amounted to £1,054,945, so that the expenditure this year is larger by the sum of £615,077. The increased expenditure is—for Darling Harbour resumptions, £563,070; Railways and Tramways, £167,399—£730,469. But there is a decrease for works and services under the Public Works and other Departments to the extent of £115,392, making the net increase £615,077, as stated.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, on 31st October last, was £1,218,548, or £981,767 in excess of the balance at debit of the fund at the commencement of the present financial year; if so, will he explain the cause of this large increase?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes; but I would like to point out that the expenditure of the first four months of the year is no criterion as to the expenditure of the whole year, as the first four months' expenditure in every financial year is invariably far heavier than during the remaining part of the year. The balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund last year increased, from the commencement to 31st October, by the sum of £432,000, while this year the increase during the same period has been £982,000. Had the London interest, which falls due in the month of October, viz., £371,250, been charged last year on due date, instead of in the following month (as it was by mistake), the increase last year would have reached the sum of £803,250. This year that amount has been brought to account in its proper month. This accounts for all the increase of this year over last, during the same period, excepting the sum of £178,750, and £105,000 of that is accounted for by new interest on last two loans floated in London, while the balance, £73,750, is almost wholly due to excessive expenditure on railways, owing to the drought. It is not expected, however, that this excessive expenditure in the management of our railways will continue. I would first remind the Honorable Member that when making the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the year the amount of each and the result of the year's transactions is forecasted as on 30th June next, and it is only at the close of the

the year that the accuracy of the Estimate can be fairly criticised, inasmuch as the revenue received and expenditure met by the Government cannot be, and is not, concurrent; for during the first half of a financial year, and particularly during the first four months, floating advances have to be made to a very large extent to public officers. These advances are not adjusted until the close of the year; then those months in which the interest on the Public Debt is payable exhibit an excess of payments over receipts, and we look to the months in which these heavy charges do not accrue to reduce the revenue overdraft incurred by the heavy payments I have spoken of. For instance, during the first four months of this year we have practically paid the whole of the interest on the Public Debt for the first half of the year. I may also add that in the expenditure of the past four months, from Consolidated Revenue Fund, is included a sum for loan works of £236,000, which will, before the year terminates, be repaid to the revenue from loan funds. I will now explain on what Services we have, during the last four months, exceeded the proportion for that period as provided by our Estimates of Expenditure for the whole year. The actual net excess of expenditure during the period named over the proportion provided on the Estimates for the current year was £432,000, and that is accounted for by the following item, viz., for interest, £401,000. This completes interest charges payable for the first half of the year, leaving a balance of £32,000, which is far more than accounted for by the excess expenditure on railway working alone, which has been £67,000 for the period named. This excess of expenditure in the Railway Department is entirely owing to the results of the drought, and is not likely to continue more than a few weeks. The enormous numbers of starving stock that have had to be moved, and fodder carried at rates involving a heavy loss, also cost of providing water, has been heavy, but this last expense has almost ceased, also there is comparatively little fodder now being carried for starving stock. To sum up the whole question, I need only say that the expenditure during the last four months in no way justifies the fears expressed in some quarters that the Government will exceed the total amount provided for the year on the Estimates. I may further add that the total revenue during the first four months of this year exceeded that actually received last year during the same period by £313,697, and there is every reason for believing that my Estimate of Revenue for the whole year will be realised.

(4.) Harbour Trust Commissioners:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What annual salary is paid to each of the Harbour Trust Commissioners?

(2.) What is the annual cost in salaries of the Rocks Resumption Board, and what does each member of the Board receive?

(3.) On what terms were the Harbour Trust Commissioners appointed?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The information the honorable gentleman asks for is contained in the Act,—£2,000 to the President and £1,000 to each of the other two Commissioners.

(2.) Members of the City Improvement Advisory Board—Mr. Varney Parkes (Chairman), fee, £4 15s. per sitting; Mr. F. A. Franklin, fee, £3 15s. per sitting; Mr. John Barlow, fee, £3 15s. per sitting. Amount received from the 1st November, 1901, to the 31st October, 1902—Mr. Varney Parkes, £494; Mr. F. A. Franklin, £386 5s.; Mr. John Barlow, £390—£1,270 5s.; Engineer and Secretary, Mr. S. Mills; salary, £350 per annum.

(3.) The Commissioners were appointed for a period of seven years from the 8th March, 1901, upon terms which are set out at length in Part I of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act (No. 1) of 1901.

(5.) Stormwater Channel, Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he state when the stormwater channel, on the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, in the Municipality of New Lambton, will be completed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—So soon as the necessary funds have been made available for the work.

(6.) Land at the Head of the Colo River:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any area of land at the head of the Colo River been applied for under lease for coal-mining purposes; if so, what is the total area, what are the names of the lessees, what is the rental paid, and what are the conditions as regards labour, &c., to be observed by such lessees?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The Capertee and Wolgan Rivers appear to be the main branches of the Colo, and above their junction the Glen Alice Coal and Shale Company holds 1,920 acres of reserved land in the parishes of Glen Alice and Capertee. The annual rental is £192. The minimum number of men to be continuously employed is eight. R. W. Robertson and others hold an area of 640 acres in the parish of Gindantherie. The annual rental is £64. The minimum number of men to be continuously employed is four. Besides these, six portions of land have been applied for, comprising 640 acres each, in all 3,840 acres, by several applicants; but these applications are conflicting, and the question of priority has not yet been decided.

(7.) The Merewether Estate:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the surveys yet been made, as promised, to define the boundaries of the Merewether Estate regarding the 100-feet reservation from high-water mark?

(2.) If so, what is the result; and will he lay the report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A survey, plan, and report have been made, and are with the District Surveyor, but it is understood that some further investigation may probably be necessary.

(8.) Consolidated Revenue and Loan Funds:—*Mr. Fleming*, for Mr. Affleck, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state if the Consolidated Revenue Fund was in credit or debit on the 31st October last; and, whether credit or debit, what was the total sum?

(2.) Will he state if the Loan Fund was in credit or debit on the 31st October last; and what was the sum of this fund to credit or debit account?

(3.) What was the total amount of deficiency of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Loan Fund combined on the 31st October last?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) There was a balance at the debit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 31st October, to the amount of £1,218,548 7s. 1d.

(2.) The balance at the debit of the General Loan Account, on 31st October last, was £3,460,487 15s. 8d.

(3.) The combined totals amount to £4,679,036 2s. 9d. It might be pointed out, however, that the deficiencies of previous years were met by issues of Treasury Bills. The amount of such Bills now outstanding is £2,477,626 0s. 6d., which is annually being reduced.

(9.) Removal of Starving Stock:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the telegram appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 11th November, conveying resolutions passed by the Narrabri Stock Board asking that steps should be taken at once to sufficiently increase the stock trucks and rolling-stock for contingencies of the kind that they are confronted with, and, pending the provision mentioned, recommending that all the railway traffic should be temporarily suspended at once, with the exception of conveyance of passengers and mails, food for the people, and fodder for starving stock, in order to render the present rolling-stock of every description available to try to save starving stock by removal to relief country, as the long-continued losses of stock are now rapidly creating a very serious financial blow to the whole community?

(2.) In view of these facts, will he take immediate steps to give effect to the recommendations of such Board?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am aware of the difficulties in this matter, and the necessity for affording relief, and have had several interviews with the Commissioners in regard to them. The removal of starving stock is having their closest attention. In addition to fully half the stock trucks, goods waggons are also being freely used in this traffic, and everything possible is being done to meet the requirements of stock-owners, consistent with the available supply of engines and waggons. At the same time, it is not possible to dislocate the ordinary traffic, as the Honorable Member suggests.

(10.) Government Contracts Unpaid:—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he furnish a return showing the number of men who have carried out contracts for the State, and who have not yet received payment for same, together with the time when such contracts were completed and such payments due?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Such a return will necessitate a reference to every officer of the Department throughout the State who supervises contracts, and will consequently take a considerable time to prepare; but if the Honorable Member moves for it in the usual way, I shall, of course, have it prepared.

(11.) Appointment of Mr. Herbert Chapel to the Commission of the Peace:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On whose recommendation was Mr. Herbert Chapel, whose address is given as Rye Park *viâ* Yass, appointed to the Commission of the Peace?

(2.) Was any inquiry made as to the suitability or otherwise of this gentleman for the position?

(3.) Will he in future, before making such appointments, consult the Member for the district concerned?

(4.) Will he also consult the Member for the district with regard to nominations made by Police Magistrates?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Mr. John Haynes, M.P.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) This is not usual.

(12.) Fence and Advertisement Hoarding round site of Central Railway Station:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When were tenders called for purchase of the right to erect fence and advertisement hoarding round the site of Central railway station?

(2.) How many tenders were received; names of tenderers, and prices offered?

(3.) How was it that no tender was accepted?

(4.) Have fresh tenders been called, and for what reason?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) 7th October, 1902.

(2.) Two. Isaac Roff, £250; Sydney and Suburban Bill Posting Company, £245.

(3.) See answer to Question 4.

(4.) Yes; because some existing hoardings had been erected by a previous contractor, which the Department deemed advisable should be taken over at a valuation by the new contractor.

(13.) Railway Season Tickets Issued to Newspaper Proprietors:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain newspaper proprietors are allowed yearly season tickets, available over the whole New South Wales railway system, at half the usual rates?

(2.) If so, who are the newspaper proprietors who are allowed these tickets; showing number to each newspaper, and cost thereof?

(3.) Do these tickets carry the right of sleeping accommodation in the cars, as well as travelling?

(4.) If not, do they carry a reduction of rate for sleeping accommodation; and what is the amount of reduction?

(5.) What by-law of the Railway Commissioners are these tickets issued under?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is a fact.

(2.) During the last five years Press season tickets were issued to the following papers:—*Town and Country Journal*, 10; *Daily Telegraph*, 13; *Sydney Mail*, 5; *Sydney Morning Herald*, 10; *Singleton Argus*, 3; *Evening Times*, Newcastle, 2; Sydney *Bulletin*, 1; *Evening News*, 4; *Pastoralists' Review*, 2; *Morning Times*, Newcastle, 1; *Cumberland Times*, 17; *Stock and Station Journal*, 3; *Australian Star*, 1; *Tamworth News*, 5; Country Press Association, 1; A. Colless, *Nepean Times*, 4.

(3.) No.

(4.) Annual season ticket-holders generally, who purchase a dozen tickets, are allowed a reduction to 8s. each berth, as per the following regulation:—"Sleeping berth tickets will be issued in "packets containing twelve tickets, at £4 16s. per packet, to passengers holding a first-class "season ticket over one or more of the railway systems."

(5.) An extension of By-law No. 142, which provides for the issue of ordinary tickets to the Press at half-rates.

(14.) Commission of the Peace for the State:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many names are on the Commission of the Peace for the State of New South Wales.

Sir John See answered,—9,096.

(15.) Residence for the Admiral of the Australian Station:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—From whom was the property purchased to be used as a residence for the Admiral of the Australian Station?

Sir John See answered,—I can assure the honorable gentleman that there is nothing wrong about this purchase. The name of the gentleman from whom the property was purchased is Mr. G. C. Westgarth. The property originally cost over £12,000. It has been bought for £8,000. As the Honorable Member and the House knows, it was highly approved of by the Admiral, and is one of the finest buildings on one of the best sites on the harbour of Sydney. The Government were extremely fortunate in getting it. The lowest price at which it was first offered was £8,500.

(16.) Municipal Bill:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Municipal Bill this Session; if so, when?

(2.) In the event of the Bill not being proceeded with, will the Government amend the present Municipalities Act, so as to provide for additional rating powers and the better recovery of rates, thereby giving the necessary relief to municipalities?

Sir John See answered,—This depends entirely upon the progress made with other important public business. If the adjournment of the House is moved night after night, the public interests must suffer.

2. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By Mr. Dight,—From certain storekeepers and others of Singleton.
(2.) By Mr. O'Sullivan,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bungendore.
(3.) By Mr. O'Sullivan,—From certain storekeepers and others of Queanbeyan.
(4.) By Mr. O'Sullivan,—From certain storekeepers and others of Michelago.
(5.) By Mr. Barnes,—From certain storekeepers and others of Cootamundra and Bethungra.
(6.) By Mr. Hayes,—From certain storekeepers and others of Mulwala.
(7.) By Mr. Hayes,—From certain storekeepers and others of Jerilderie.
(8.) By Mr. Byrne,—From certain storekeepers and others of Hay.
(9.) By Mr. Gormly,—From certain storekeepers and others of Wagga Wagga.
(10.) By Mr. T. R. Smith,—From certain storekeepers and others of Penrith.
(11.) By Mr. T. R. Smith,—From certain storekeepers and others of Springwood.
(12.) By Mr. T. R. Smith,—From certain storekeepers and others of Blacktown.
(13.) By Mr. Nicholson,—From certain storekeepers and others of Woonona.
(14.) By Mr. Nicholson,—From certain storekeepers and others of South Clifton.
(15.) By Mr. Webster,—From certain storekeepers and others of Moree.
(16.) By Mr. Webster,—From certain storekeepers and others of Warialda.
(17.) By Mr. Webster,—From certain storekeepers and others of Pallamallawa.
(18.) By Mr. Webster,—From certain storekeepers and others of Ashley.
(19.) By Mr. Cann,—From certain storekeepers and others of Broken Hill.
(20.) By Mr. Fleming,—From certain storekeepers and others of Aberdeen.
(21.) By Mr. Fleming,—From certain storekeepers and others of Gundy.
(22.) By Mr. Fleming,—From certain storekeepers and others of Merriwa.
(23.) By Mr. Fleming,—From certain storekeepers and others of Muswellbrook.
(24.) By Mr. Fleming,—From certain storekeepers and others of Scone.
(25.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall,—From certain storekeepers and others of Kurrajong.
(26.) By Mr. Affleck,—From certain storekeepers and others of Yass.
(27.) By Mr. Affleck,—From certain storekeepers and others of Murrumbateman.
(28.) By Mr. Affleck,—From certain storekeepers and others of Rye Park.
(29.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bingara.
(30.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bundarra.
(31.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Tingha.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Further papers respecting case of Major R. Lenehan, late of Bushveldt Carbineers.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the Supply of Water at Koorawatha and Grenfell, in connection with the Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the Supply of Water at Brewarrina, in connection with the Byrock to Brewarrina Railway.

(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the Drainage of the Liverpool Asylum.

(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the Supply of Water to the town of Ballina.

(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the Supply of Water at Yagobie and Inverell, in connection with the Moree to Inverell Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twentieth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. CONSTITUTION CONVENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for establishing a Convention to consider the amendment of the Constitution of New South Wales; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights, for their voting at the polls; to provide for voting by post; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

Question put and passed.

7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (DISTRIBUTION) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902.

Question put and passed.

8. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WRIGHTVILLE NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Municipal District of Gladstone.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the name of the Municipal District of Gladstone*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended some, and agreed to the remaining amendments made by the Council.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

10. BOILERS REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

11. UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.			Noes, 3.
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Carroll
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Perry,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Young,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Law,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. D. R. Hall	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McFarlane,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Sullivan,		
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Nobbs.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the University and University Colleges Act*, 1900."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the University and University Colleges Act*, 1900,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13*th November*, 1902.

12. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Estell,	Mr. D. R. Hall.	*Tellers,*
Mr. John Storey,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McCoy.
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hollis.	
Mr. Thomson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act*, 1901, *and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 17th September, 1902, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Water and Drainage Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 2, line 4, which inserts after the word "sewerage" the words "and another officer of the Public Works Department to act as executive member of the Board," but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word "another" and inserting the words "such other," and by omitting the words "to act as executive member of the Board," and inserting the words "as may be appointed by the Governor,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5, but proposes to amend it by omitting therefrom the words "and approval,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 17; to that in clause 18, line 16, which omits after the word "election" the words "and each such person shall have one vote only;" and to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 18,—because one man one vote is embodied in the political policy of the State; because one man one vote is in vogue in the City of Sydney at municipal elections in which men have to deal with the question of property; because it is provided for in the proposed new Rabbit Bill; because uniformity in such matters is desirable; and because it does not seem probable that the Legislative Assembly will agree to a cumulative vote in regard to such a matter as the "one man one vote" principle will apply in this Bill.

Agrees to all the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill, including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14*th November*, 1902 *a.m.*

14. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Perry, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 16th July, 1902, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Scaffolding and Lifts Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 1, which omits the word "February" and inserts the word "October," but proposes to amend such amendment by omitting the word "October" and inserting the word "January," and proposes, as a consequential amendment, to omit the word "two" and insert the word "three,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the remaining amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th November, 1902, a.m.

15. NORTH SYDNEY BRICK AND TILE COMPANY'S TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th November, 1902, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 25th November.

Question put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes past Two o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 14 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

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

(1.) Constitution Convention Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 160.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for establishing a Convention to consider the amendment of the Constitution of New South Wales; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th November, 1902.

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

(2.) Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 161.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; to provide for voting by post; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th November, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fruit Pests:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to the Questions upon the subject by Mr. Farnell, the Honorable Member for Ryde, and answers thereto,—

(1.) Admitting that nearly all the worst fruit pests in New South Wales are introduced species, and that most of them are pests in the countries from which they were introduced, is it not a fact that they are not pests in their native homes on account of their natural checks in their indigenous home in the form of other insects which hold them in complete subjection?

(2.) Is it not a fact that pests have been introduced into this State from countries where they are also pests that have been introduced from their native homes, and through the channels of commerce have been transplanted to all parts of the world, possibly including New South Wales?

(3.) Is it not a fact that artificial means, by fumigation and spraying, are carried on in the State of California as a means of trying to check the spread of pests the parasite of which has not yet been introduced into that country, and that the most accomplished has been to keep the trees alive?

(4.)

(4.) Is it not a fact that the statement made by him "in regard to the American Government "having spent immense sums of money in hunting for parasites of scale insects, and that the result "was only in one case commensurate with the expense," is subject to modification and correction?
(5.) Is he aware that the National Government at Washington has only spent £500, and the California State Government £2,000, upon the subject of investigations into the best means of keeping the pests in check with the most satisfactory results?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Many of them are pests in their native countries where they are not kept in control by artificial methods of spraying, fumigation, &c.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No, this is not a fact.
(4.) No.
(5.) No; the Entomological Division of the United States Department of Agriculture has sent out at least half a dozen agents, whose expenses on each occasion would total more than £500.

(2.) Road Contracts:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he received any complaint of delays in the payment of moneys due on completed road contracts?
(2.) In view of the exceptionally severe season, and the high price of horse-feed, &c., will he take the necessary steps to have moneys due paid immediately on receipt of vouchers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Applications for payment are received from various sources from time to time, and receive prompt attention. As there are upwards of 4,000 road contracts each year, extending over the whole State, there will be most likely some cases of delay, but such represent a small percentage of the number of accounts to be dealt with. If the Honorable Member, or any other Honorable Member, will bring under the attention of the Department any case of delay, special consideration will be given to ensure immediate payment.

(3.) New Central Railway Station:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Who is the tenderer for the supply of stone required in connection with the new Central railway station?
(2.) At what price per cubic foot is the stone being supplied?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Tenders received 11th November, 1902, not yet finally dealt with by me.

(4.) Mr. John Campbell, Gunnedah Electorate:—Mr. Macdonell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has Mr. John Campbell, of Goorianawa Station, in the Gunnedah Electorate, been appointed a Justice of the Peace, on the recommendation of Police Magistrate Giles Shaw?
(2.) Has a report yet been received from Mr. Shaw in reference to the charge made against him of being the guest of a pastoralist who was prosecutor in a case against a shearers' organiser, upon which Mr. Shaw had to adjudicate?
(3.) Is the Mr. Campbell above referred to identical with the prosecutor in the case referred to?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) A report was received from Mr. Shaw, but it has been returned to him for some further information.
(3.) In the absence of the papers, I am unable to answer this Question at present; but as soon as I get the information I will do so.

(5.) Gold-dredging Leases, Nowra:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What is the total amount of money paid into the Mines Department through the Nowra office for gold-dredging leases?
(2.) Has any of this money been refunded; and, if so, to whom?

Mr. Kidd answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a return, as soon as possible.

(6.) Justices of the Peace:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many Justices of the Peace have we now in this State, including those recently appointed?
(2.) How many Justices of the Peace were appointed (*a*) by the Lyne Government; and (*b*) by the See Government?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) I answered this Question yesterday.
(2.) This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next.

(7.) Land Occupied by E. Hemmings at La Perouse:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact the Government propose to sell the small portion of land occupied by E. Hemmings at La Perouse, said E. Hemmings being recently an applicant for a license for an hotel?
(2.) Is this land situate less than 100 feet from high-water mark; and, if so, what is the reason for proposing the sale of same?
(3.) Will he be prepared to abandon the idea of selling such piece of property?

Mr. Crick answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes; but provision for access between the portion and high-water mark has been made.
(3.) No reasons have been shown why I should do so.

3. Poisons Act :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines :—
(1.) By Mr. Elden,—From certain storekeepers and others of Merewether.
(2.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain storekeepers and others of Cumnock.
(3.) By Mr. Morton,—From certain storekeepers and others of Berry.
(4.) By Mr. Morton,—From certain storekeepers and others of Yalwal.
(5.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain storekeepers and others of Engowra.
(6.) By Dr. Ross,—From certain storekeepers and others of Borenore.
(7.) By Mr. Dight,—From certain storekeepers and others of Branxton.
(8.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Lithgow.
(9.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Lithgow.
(10.) By Mr. D. R. Hall,—From certain storekeepers and others of Coonabarabran.
(11.) By Mr. D. R. Hall,—From certain storekeepers and others of Gunnedah.
(12.) By Mr. D. R. Hall,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bundella.
(13.) By Mr. Williams,—From certain storekeepers and others of Broken Hill South.
(14.) By Mr. Davidson,—From certain storekeepers and others of Kempsey.
(15.) By Mr. Davidson,—From certain storekeepers and others of Port Macquarie.
(16.) By *Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Elden,—From certain storekeepers and others of Belmont.
Petitions received.

4. Papers :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the condition of the hull and machinery of the s.s. "Balmain," together with Minutes of Evidence.
(2.) Return respecting Bathing at Bondi Beach.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Claims of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Office :—Mr. E. M. Clark, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th August, 1902, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

6. Liquor Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on the next Sitting Day.

7. Paper :—Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the offer by owners to surrender to His Majesty, under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act of 1901, two estates known as Old Berrigan and Ringwood.
Ordered to be printed.

And it being Eleven o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902, adjourned the House until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Sydney James Law, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Balmain South.
Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the seat of Sydney James Law, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Balmain South hath become, and is now, vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Sydney James Law, Esquire.
Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fruit Pests:—*Mr. Wright*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is there a single case upon record of one insect pest having been conquered by artificia. methods, although they have been practised for years in various countries?
(2.) Where and when has the Government Entomologist of this State carried out a considerable amount of original investigation with methods of destroying pests by means of their natural parasites?
(3.) Is it not a fact that the parasites of the red wax-scale which were obtained from Hawaii were sent here by Mr. Albert Koebele, and that they were allowed to remain for a period of two weeks in the refrigerating room of the steamer after her arrival; that upon the vessel sailing again, the parcel was delivered at the office of the Entomologist, who released the parasites in the Botanic Gardens?
(4.) Is it not a fact that the woolly aphis is not a native of the Cape, and that the introduction of the ladybird from the Cape and its failure to destroy the aphis can be accounted for by the possibility of the ladybird not being the natural parasite?
(5.) Would not the failure of the ladybirds sent from here to India and Ceylon be accounted for by the fact that the pests they were expected to destroy were not natives of this State, and do not occur here, thus imposing upon the ladybirds a life foreign to their nature?
(6.) Can he point to a single instance on record to show that the Government Entomologist of this State has imported a true parasite of any of the numerous orchard pests found here?
(7.) Is he aware that the statement made by him, "that the two specimens of parasites "recently sent from China to America cost £400 each," is open to correction and modification?
(8.) Was it not Mr. C. L. Marlett, Chief Assistant Entomologist to the United States Department of Agriculture, who was travelling for pleasure, who discovered the insects referred to feeding upon the San José scale; and are the insects not a ladybird (*Chilocours similis*), and come under the head of predaceous insects?
(9.) Is he aware that the cost to the American Government was £160, not £400?
(10.) Is he aware of the fact that about 200 specimens were collected by Mr. Marlett, and that only two specimens arrived alive at Washington?
(11.) Is he aware that, from the two specimens referred to, Mr. Marlett succeeded in propagating and liberating in various States over 1,000 specimens?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Yes, there are numbers of cases, otherwise fruit-growing in the United States of America and Canada would have long since been given up; whereas at present it is an enormous industry.
(2.) In the Sydney Botanic Gardens, at the Hawkesbury College, as well as several orchards in New South Wales.
(3.) This is not a fact. The parasites sent by Mr. Koebele were never in the refrigerating chamber. They were sent to the Entomologist direct in the Parcels Post, and were placed by him on a scale-infested tree in the Botanic Gardens.

(4.) America is considered by the latest authorities to be the original home of the woolly aphis. It is found there on the roots of the wild crab-apple in the forest country. It has no recorded natural parasite, but a number of lady-bird beetles feed upon it, and the one in question was feeding upon it at the Cape when collected by the Government Entomologist there, Mr. Lounsberg.
(5.) No; lady-bird beetles are known to destroy scale insects softer than their natural food, but not the reverse. This is one of the species greatly praised by authors on the question.
(6.) Yes; the parasite of the red wax-scale.
(7.) He is not aware that this is a fact.
(8.) No; Mr. Marlett was sent specially by the United States Department of Agriculture to Japan to find parasites for the San José scale. He reported that the San José scale was plentiful in the plant nurseries there in spite of the lady-bird that is a predaceous insect.
(9.) No; he is not aware of this.
(10.) No; but he is aware that about sixteen or twenty-two specimens were forwarded, but only two arrived alive.
(11.) No; for according to the latest reports—1902—they have not bred, and none have been liberated.

(2.) Sewerage Works, Parramatta:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to enable him to carry out the sewerage works at Parramatta, as arranged between the Borough Council and the Government some four years ago?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am afraid not this Session.

(3.) Plea of the Statute of Limitations:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Can the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice state in what instances the plea of the Statute of Limitations has been applied to prevent the claims of a Civil Servant being investigated by a jury of his country in order that justice should be rightly meted out?
(2.) Is it not a fact that the claim of the late Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., for amount of salary short paid to him as Chief Justice of £600, which had been denied him by successive Ministers of Justice for a period of eighteen years, was ultimately approved by a Minister of Justice, and the sum of £1,140, which included interest added, was paid to him, though the Statute of Limitations might have been pleaded to bar his just claim?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that,—
(1.) In no instance has the Statute been pleaded to prevent the claims of a Civil Servant being investigated and justice meted out. In the case of Rossi *v.* The Principal Under Secretary (nominal defendant on behalf of the Government), however, it was considered that to plead the Statute of Limitations was amply justified by the circumstances, which were of an exceptional character.
(2.) I am not aware, but inquiry is now being made.

(4.) Patients in Lunatic Asylums:—*Mr. Anderson*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government for the support of patients in lunatic asylums for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£18,294 11s. 1d.

(5.) Coal Mines in the Maitland District:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is it a fact that, at certain coal mines in the Maitland district, coal miners are supplied with tokens to allow the management to ascertain the number of skips of coal each miner sends to bank?
(2.) Is it a fact that each pair of miners have to hew and fill so many skips of coal for a given wage per day?
(3.) Will he instruct Chief Inspector Atkinson to investigate the system of payment of coal miners in the above district, and report thereon?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) I am unable at present to say.
(3.) Yes.

(6.) Prosecution of Frank Schuck:—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Secretary,—What does the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice propose to do in the matter of Frank Schuck, prosecuted some time ago for alleged smuggling of cigars?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—The matter is one for the Federal Government. Frank Schuck has applied for a prohibition against his conviction, and the application is now pending in the Supreme Court.

(7.) Work for the Unemployed:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the abnormally high price of many of the common necessities of life, which is making itself oppressively felt, specially upon the poorer classes of our community, at the present time, owing to the scarcity of work in certain sections of the labouring classes, is it the intention of the Government to do anything with the view of tiding this section of the community, at least over the Christmas season?

Sir John See answered,—Steps have already been taken to provide work for urgent cases of distress, and when the Water and Drainage Bill is passed into law, there will be other work open for those who are in need of it; but it must be borne in mind that whatever works are undertaken involves an expenditure of money to which a section of the community takes exception.

(8.) Railway Season Tickets issued to Newspaper Proprietors:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to Questions by Mr. Hollis on 13th November, *re* railway season tickets issued to newspaper proprietors, Question 2, what was the cost to each newspaper for the tickets shown as issued during the past five years, giving separate amount paid by each newspaper proprietor?

(2.) Referring to answer to Question 5, what is meant by an "Extension of By-law No. 142"?

(3.) Is By-law No. 142 the one printed on page 147 of the New South Wales Railway Time-table, issued 12th October, 1902, which reads: "Tickets at half the ordinary fare will be issued to "*bonâ fide* members of the Press travelling in this State, or to the other States, to report on an "agricultural show, race meeting, or other matter of general public interest, upon production of "the usual printed requisition, signed by the proprietors of the newspaper concerned. This "concession does not apply when travelling for the purpose of canvassing, and will only be allowed "to permanent employees of a recognised public newspaper; not more than one representative to "be allowed the reduction to any one meeting. Forms of requisition are supplied upon application "to the Secretary to the Railway Commissioners"?

(4.) How long has this by-law been in operation?

(5.) Has the extension of this by-law received the approval of the Governor, and been gazetted in terms of section 67, Consolidated Railways Act, 1901?

(6.) If so, what date was it gazetted?

(7.) Referring to answer to Question 5, is the "Country Press Association" a "recognised public "newspaper"?

(8.) What is the number of railway season tickets issued to newspaper proprietors now current, showing (*a*) the number to each newspaper; (*b*) the price paid by each newspaper for each ticket?

(9.) Will he submit to the Honorable the Attorney-General the by-law referred to for legal opinion as to whether yearly railway tickets can be issued to newspaper proprietors' employees at half the rates charged to the general public?

(10.) Before issuing these yearly season tickets to the Press, do the Railway Commissioners exact any guarantee that they shall not be used for the purpose of canvassing, that they shall only be used by permanent employees of the newspaper, and that not more than one representative attends any one such meeting; and, if so, what is the nature of the guarantee?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay information in reply to this Question upon the Table of this House.

(9.) Advertisement Hoardings, Central Railway Station:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) By whose authority was an advertisement hoarding recently wholly or partly erected round the site of the Central railway station, and what valuation has been put upon same?

(2.) In connection with the calling of fresh tenders for the right to post advertisements round this site, will he consider whether it is not unfair to the highest tenderer on the last occasion when tenders were called, that his price should have been made public?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The Engineer-in-Charge, understanding that Messrs. Hollander and Govett held a lease for part of the hoarding, and urgently requiring to protect his building operations with a fence, allowed them to proceed with the erection of hoarding. Valuation, £130.

(2.) I gave the matter full and earnest consideration, and only decided on calling for fresh tenders when I found this course the best one to take in the interests of the State. I should mention that when tenders are received, the lowest or highest ones, as the case may be, are always published; but it is not unusual for the Minister to invite fresh tenders if the requirements of the Department are benefited by so doing. The first tender was £100; the second, £250; and now, I think, the tender is £420; so that we scored all along the line.

(10.) Legislation dealing with Neglected Children:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does he indorse the criticism of the representative branch of the Legislature indulged in by his colleague, the Attorney-General, at a Boys' Brigade conversazione on Thursday evening, when Mr. Wise is reported to have said, "He was perfectly appalled by the indifference of Parliament "on this subject of legislation dealing with neglected children. . . . For over ten years "these facts had been pointed out again and again . . . and yet no step had been taken by "Parliament, and was not likely to be taken unless they brought pressure to bear"?

(2.) In view of the fact that no step has yet been taken by the Premier to have Mr. Wise's Bill dealt with in the Assembly, does he regard the Attorney-General's remarks in the light of censure upon him and his colleagues for their dilatoriness in connection with this matter?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The facts stated are correct. The inference from them is a matter of opinion.

(2.) The Bill only passed its third reading in the Legislative Council on Wednesday last, and was immediately read a first time in the Legislative Assembly. Consequently there has been no dilatoriness in connection with this matter.

3. Closer Settlement Act:—Mr. Nielsen presented a Petition from certain residents of Murrumburrah, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the Crown will resume the Garangula Estate.

Petition received.

4. Poisons Act:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from Robert Sands, President, and H. C. Brierly, Secretary of the New South Wales Master Printers and Connected Trades Association, representing that the sale by storekeepers of patent medicines is desirable, as the public can obtain the articles at a lower rate than would be possible if a monopoly of sale were given to the chemists; that the result of the restriction will be to absolutely destroy the sale of many widely-known proprietary medicines; that the trades represented by Petitioners will suffer considerable loss by the destruction of the sale of such medicines, as the amount of printing done in this State in connection therewith is considerable; and praying that the Poisons Act may be so amended as not to apply to patent or proprietary medicines.
Petition received.

5. Papers:—
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Papers respecting the offers of sites for proposed Inebriates Asylum.
(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Kogarah.
(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo.
(4.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
(5.) Report respecting discontinuance of the Capitation Fee for Destruction of Rats in connection with the Bubonic Plague.
(6.) Minutes, &c., relating to the granting of absence, on special sick leave, to Mr. R. H. Beardsmore, clerk, Office of the Inspector-General of Police.
(7.) Information respecting the Supply of Trucks to move Starving Stock.
(8.) Return respecting the appointments by the Lyne and See Governments of Justices of the Peace.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return respecting the Issue of Railway Season Tickets to Newspaper Proprietors.
(2.) Return showing amount expended in Government advertisements for five years preceding the establishment of the Advertising Bureau, Government Printing Office.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Minutes, &c., relating to the granting of absence, on special sick leave, to Mr. Henry Harvey Dare, Public Works Department.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Steamship "Balmain":—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the condition of the hull and machinery of the s.s. "Balmain," together with Minutes of Evidence, laid upon the Table of this House on the 14th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. Inebriates Asylum (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with the offers of properties as sites for the proposed Inebriates Asylum.
Question put and passed.

8. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wickham, Mr. Fegan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "discharge from the Business Paper in the Legislative Council, the Bill to provide for the "Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, in respect "thereof; and for other purposes, by the Attorney-General."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Fegan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Rose submitted that this subject could not properly be debated in this House as it related to proceedings in the other branch of the Legislature.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled that this House could not deal with the fate of any Bill in the other House except by appointing a Select Committee to search the Journals of that House. On the report from the Committee action could be taken by this House. According to Standing Order No. 147, no Member could allude to any Debate of the same Session in the other House of Parliament, and any allusion to the discharge of the Bill in that House would be an infringement of the Standing Order. The motion was therefore out of order.

9. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a "third time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said Debate.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902.

10. Liquor Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to further consider in Committee the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 *NOVEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places; and to restrict, modify, and, in some cases, render null and void bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as Tied Houses; and to more equitably regulate the powers of mortgages or other securities existing between brewer and licensee; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places; and to restrict, modify, and, in some cases, render null and void bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as Tied Houses; and to more equitably regulate the powers of mortgages or other securities existing between brewer and licensee; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Fruit Pests :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the white cottony scale (*Icerya purchasii*), which had found its way into California, and caused millions of dollars worth of damage to trees, has been reduced to a harmless insect by the introduction of its natural enemies (*Vedalia cardinalis*, *Novius koeblei*, *Lestophomr* and *Ophelosia crawfordi*) ?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the soft brown scale (*Lecanium hesperidum*), once a very troublesome pest in orchards in California, has also, by the introduction of its parasite (*Coccophagus cagnatus*), also a chalcid fly, become a harmless form, and is seldom ever met with there now ?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the brown apricot scale (*Lecanium armenicum*), which attacked plum, prune, and apricot trees, and once a most serious pest in California, was also brought into subjection by the introduction of its parasite, also a chalcid fly (*Comys fusca*) ?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the San José scale (*Aspidiotus perniciosus*), one of the most destructive scale insects known to deciduous orchards, and once a serious pest in California, has also become a harmless form in that State by the distribution of *Aphelimus fuscipermis*, also a chalcid fly ; and the only orchards in which the scale is troublesome now in that State are those where spraying for fungi diseases is carried on, the strong-smelling remedies used keeping the parasites away ?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the various species of *Dactylopius*, which were once very troublesome in the orchards and gardens in California, are now held in complete subjection by *Riley espelendence*, another chalcid fly ?

(6.) Is it not a fact that the cabbage butterfly (*Pieris rapal*) is also kept in check in California by *Pteromalus puparum*, a small hymenopterous parasite ?

(7.) Is he aware of the fact that of the abovementioned different species of parasitic and predaceous insects not a single one is indigenous to California, but are to be found there, accomplishing all that "kerosene entomologists" and hundreds of thousands of pounds of expenditure upon artificial methods failed to do ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will lay the information on the Table in the shape of a return.

(2.) New Viaduct and Bridge, near Penrith :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the plans ready for the new viaduct between Penrith and Nepean River ?

(2.) Is it likely the erection of the viaduct will be started in a month or two, or when ?

(3.) Are plans prepared for the erection of a new railway bridge over the Nepean River at Penrith ?

(4.) When will the work of building the new bridge be started, or when is it likely to start ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) I am informed plans are ready.

(2.) Within a month.

(3.) No.

(4.) It is not likely that this work will be taken in hand for a year or more.

(3.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he intend to introduce and deal with a Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act ; and will such amending Bill contain a reciprocity clause, whereby persons qualified by age who have resided, say, ten years in Victoria or other State of the Commonwealth in which a similar measure operates, and fifteen years or more in New South Wales, may claim the pension ?

Sir John See answered,—As my honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer, mentioned in delivering his financial statement—next Session.

(4.) Police Uniforms :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the police uniforms latterly supplied are of inferior quality, and that the boots, instead of being sewn, as stipulated in contract, are pegged with metal pegs ?

(2.) Is he aware that the police are not allowed to wear their white helmets until 10 a.m., although those who go on duty at 6 a.m. in the summer are exposed to great heat ?

(3.) Will he take steps to have these minor inconveniences altered ?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—It is reported that the uniforms supplied to the police latterly are not of inferior quality, but well up to the standard. The boots are of superior quality—sewn, not pegged. As the heat is not great from 6 to 10 a.m., it has not been customary for the police to wear white helmets on this relief, but there is no objection to their doing so.

(5.) Pensions to Retired Civil Servants :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In order to provide for the payment from Consolidated Revenue of pensions due to retired Civil Servants who have qualified for same by contributing to the now practically insolvent Superannuation Fund, will he consider the necessity of passing an Act of Parliament; and, if found so, will he introduce and deal with the question this Session ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Government, and will be decided probably to-day or to-morrow.

(6.) Messrs. J. and T. Dick's Oyster Lease, Hastings River :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what grounds, and by whose authority, did the pilot at Port Macquarie order Messrs. John and Thomas Dick to cease improving their oyster lease on the Hastings River ?

(2.) Why were Messrs. J. and T. Dick not prosecuted for not removing the improvements, as ordered by the pilot ?

(3.) Did Messrs. John Hibbard & Co. write to the Fisheries Department, complaining about Messrs. J. and T. Dick's oyster lease; if so, will he furnish Mr. Dacey with a copy of such complaint ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) The pilot at Port Macquarie did not order Messrs. John and Thomas Dick to cease improving their oyster lease in the Hastings River. He reported to the Department that Messrs. J. and T. Dick had, in contravention of the Navigation Act, 1901, deposited a quantity of ballast (stone) in navigable waters in the Hastings River, causing serious impediment to navigation. The papers are being referred to the Crown Solicitor to advise what steps should be taken in the matter.

(3.) Yes ; and there is no objection to the Honorable Member seeing the papers in the case.

(7.) Charges under the Water and Drainage Bill :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Under the new Water and Drainage Bill, when it becomes law, who is it intended will be responsible for the payment of any charges made by the Government on weirs or tanks already constructed, and to be constructed ; and will the charge made be for the purpose of paying the cost of construction, or the interest on the same only ?

(2.) Will the Government levy a direct tax on each resident, or charge according to the quantity of water delivered ; or where a council exists, will they be responsible ?

(3.) Will the rate in the case of a council be calculated on the betterment principle, or the rental or capital value of the properties within the area of municipal boundaries; or within what radius of the weir or tank will residents have to contribute ?

(4.) If the charges are not to be imposed in any of the above ways, will he indicate in what way the payment is to be levied ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Until the Bill is finally dealt with by Parliament, and the Act becomes law, the Honorable Member will, I am sure, agree with me that it would be most unwise for any such Questions to be answered.

(8.) Bridge at Goolagong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the scarcity and depressed state of work in the country districts, will he see that immediate steps are taken to proceed with the erection of the bridge at Goolagong, for which money was voted on last Estimates ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Plans to an amended design are being prepared, with a view to reducing cost to limit of funds that can be made available for the work. No avoidable delay is occurring. That bridge is going to be constructed.

(9.) Weir at Manildra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When are tenders likely to be called for the erection of the weir at Manildra, in the district of Molong ?

(2.) Is the work likely to be proceeded with during the present year ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Tenders will be called for this weir when the Water and Drainage Bill becomes law.

(10.) Colonial Wines :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has anything further been done in connection with a number of samples of colonial wine taken from different houses in the city some time ago ?

(2.) Is he aware whether any of the samples so taken were the products of other States ; if so, will he kindly inform this House what States they came from ?

(3.) As the absence of any report upon these samples, supposed to be adulterated, has had a very prejudicial effect upon our local wine-growers, creating suspicion in the mind of the public as to their purity, will he be good enough to have a report published as soon as possible ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The matter was not dealt with by the Department of Mines and Agriculture. My honorable colleague, the Colonial Secretary, might be asked.

(11.) Sales of Crown Lands at Broken Hill:—Mr. Williams asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the total amount of money received by the State from 1887 to date from Crown lands in the towns and suburbs of Willyama (Broken Hill) and Alma (South Broken Hill), which have either been sold at auction, or converted into freeholds under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be forwarded to the Honorable Member upon completion.

(12.) Creep in the Central Mine, Broken Hill:—Mr. Williams asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Does he intend to have an inquiry made as to the cause of the creep at the Central Mine (Broken Hill), with a view to prevent, as far as possible, such occurrences in future?
(2.) If so, what character will the proposed inquiry take?
(3.) When does he intend such inquiry to commence?
(4.) Is he awaiting the action of the coroner?
(5.) Will he at the same time ascertain the necessity of obtaining greater powers to compel adjoining mines to conjointly secure their mines on their several boundaries?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Consideration will be given to these matters when a report has been received from the Chief Inspector of Mines, who is now on his way to Broken Hill.

(13.) Members of Board of Examiners under the Coal Mines Regulation Act:—Mr. Estell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Does any member of the Board of Examiners under the Coal Mines Regulation Act only hold a Service certificate?
(2.) If so, does he consider it right for a person only holding such certificate to be a member of a Board who examines for competency?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Inquiry will be made as to what certificates the Examiners hold, and the information will be supplied as soon as possible.

(14.) Trustees of the Wyalong District Hospital:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What are the names of the trustees of the Wyalong District Hospital?
(2.) What are the dates of their appointment?
(3.) By whom were they nominated?
(4.) Were any objections raised against the appointment of the said trustees, or any of them; if so, by whom; and the nature of such objections?
(5.) Will he lay all papers and correspondence in connection with such appointments upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) The Reverend J. T. Evans, the Reverend J. J. Fogarty, and Mr. J. T. Meagher.
(2.) The appointments of the Reverends J. T. Evans and J. J. Fogarty were gazetted 9th October, 1895; that of Mr. J. T. Meagher, 22nd March, 1902.
(3.) The Reverends J. T. Evans and J. J. Fogarty were nominated by the Chairman of the Hospital on behalf of a meeting of subscribers. Mr. Meagher was nominated by Mr. Holman, M.L.A.
(4.) No objections were received to the appointment of the Reverends J. T. Evans and J. J. Fogarty, but the Hospital Committee have not favoured the appointment of Mr. Meagher.
(5.) I must ask the Honorable Member to move for the papers in the usual way.

(15.) Relief to Settlers in the Drought-stricken Districts:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give his assurance to this House that Parliament will not go into recess until provision is made for ameliorating the conditions of drought-stricken settlers by a general reappraisement of lands and advances of seed wheat on easy time-payment where needed?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is receiving the serious attention of the Government. Not only the settlers in the interior, but all sections of the community are concerned in the devastating effects of the drought, and whatever action the Government may take will be consistent in its application to all sections of the community. The matter is one which requires the most serious consideration, not only at the hands of the Government, but also at the hands of this House. This calamity is a matter we have to face, and, in view of that, I am sure Honorable Members will give the Government credit for realising their full responsibility. Whatever the Government can do will be done to ameliorate the condition, not only of settlers who have suffered so much, but also of that class in the community called the consuming class, who have suffered seriously by reason of high prices and other misfortunes attending the drought.

2. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—
(1.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bingara.
(2.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Tingha.
(3.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Copeton.
(4.) By Mr. Moore,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bora Creek, Howell.
(5.) By Mr. Wright,—From certain storekeepers and others of Glen Innes.
(6.) By Mr. Wright,—From certain storekeepers and others of Ben Lomond.
(7.) By Mr. Henry Clarke,—From certain storekeepers and others of Candelo.
(8.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From certain storekeepers and others of Moruya.
(9.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bateman's Bay.
(10.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From certain storekeepers and others of Mogo.
(11.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Lithgow.
(12.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Hartley.

(13.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Ganmain.
(14.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Coolamon.
(15.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Junee Junction.
(16.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Narrandera.
(17.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Grong Grong.
(18.) By Mr. Collins,—From Amin Bracks, storekeeper, Narrabri.
(19.) By Mr. W. F. Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Cullen Bullen.
(20.) By Mr. W. F. Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Sofala.
(21.) By Mr. W. F. Hurley,—From certain storekeepers and others of Portland.
(22.) By Mr. Davis,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bourke.
(23.) By Mr. Estell,—From certain storekeepers and others of Boolaroo.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) *Gazette* Notice, 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.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Fruit Pests.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. DISMISSAL OF W. G. LEY FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the dismissal of W. G. Ley from the Public Works Department.
Question put and passed.

5. SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act*, 1902; *and for other purposes connected with the business, control, and management of the Savings Bank of New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *19th November*, 1902.
W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. PASTURES PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council, having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 14th November, 1902, *a.m.*, in reference to the Scaffolding and Lifts Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, *19th November*, 1902.
W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

8. FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

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

F. W. WEBB, *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*
WILLIAM McCOURT, *Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

BURWOOD MUNICIPAL LOAN VALIDATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 162.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Burwood*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, his Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 19*th November*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fruit Pests:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that none of the various parasites of *Icerya purchasii* were known in Australia until discovered by the Californian agents who were sent here for that purpose; and is it not a fact that this scale is a native of this country, and became a serious pest in every country where it has ever been transplanted to; and did not the same parasites which rid California of this scale do the same in every other country where they had been introduced; and does not this State, where this scale is not or never was a pest so far as records show, recommend spraying with kerosene emulsion for its destruction?

(2.) Is there any State in the United States, other than California, that has ever sent an expert to foreign countries to search for the home of any insect pest and secure its parasites; if so, which one, and with what results?

(3.) Will he not admit that at an interview which the Member for Ryde had with him, and at which the Departmental Officers were present, he was satisfied that an experiment should be made in the way now suggested?

(4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of Dr. Cobb's report upon the suggestions that were made at the Conference referred to?

(5.) Will he take immediate steps to have the necessary legislation introduced, with a view to the extermination of the fruit and orchard pests by natural as opposed to artificial means?

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

(2.) Railway Passes:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What public servants have railway passes?

(2.) What positions do they occupy?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is understood the Honorable Member refers to passes or season tickets held by public servants for official purposes. The information will be obtained, and submitted in the form of a return.

(3.) Government Receipts under the Fisheries Act:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government under the Fisheries Act for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£5,316 10s. 5d.

(4.) Claim of the Comte de Rossi:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice aware, when he advanced the opinion of Mr. Gould as being adverse to the claim of the Comte de Rossi, as it appears in *Hansard*, 1896, page 1800, that Mr. Gould's words, which he omitted to quote, were as follows:—"It is not as if "he (Captain Rossi) had been asked to go on with his work on the distinct promise that a larger "salary would ultimately be paid to him"?

(2.) Is he aware that such a promise was made in writing, also the request by the late Sir James Martin, then Attorney-General (and afterwards a Supreme Court Judge) that the Comte de Rossi would continue to hold his office as Registrar of the District Court, Goulburn, as it was his intention to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum to make good to him the reduction of his salary from £300 per annum to £75 per annum, as set out in letter dated 27th June, 1871, and printed by order of the Legislative Assembly?

(3.) Was not a further promise made in writing by Sir George Innes, Minister of Justice, on the 21st April, 1881, as a result of a Minute of the Cabinet acknowledging the Comte de Rossi's claim to a position of salary of £300 per annum?

(4.) Will he consider whether these promises in writing do not lift this case out of the operation of the Statute of Limitations, as provided by Lord Tenterden's Act?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The words quoted were used by Mr. Gould in the Legislative Assembly on the 28th July, 1896. They were preceded by the words, "Captain Rossi's position is utterly untenable."

(2.) The papers do not show that any promise of the nature referred to was made to Captain Rossi. The papers in the case show that an inquiry was made from Captain Rossi, by letter from the Attorney-General's Department, dated 27th June, 1871, whether he would continue to hold office as the Registrar of the District Court at Goulburn, on a certain expectation held by the then Attorney-General, Sir James Martin. (*Vide* copy of paper No. 8, in printed Return to Address of Legislative Assembly, dated 4th December, 1883.)

(3.) There is no record of any promise having been made by Sir George Innes regarding Captain Rossi's case on the 21st April, 1881, but the following is a copy of a minute written by Sir George Innes on the 26th idem, on letter from Captain Rossi withdrawing his acceptance of position of Clerk of Petty Sessions, Tumut, and desiring that it be recorded, in accordance with promise, that such withdrawal would not be allowed to operate prejudicially in respect of any application by him for other appointment:—"I made to Mr. Rossi the promise he mentions, and I desire that, under "the circumstances of his case, his withdrawal from the acceptance of the appointment which had "been offered him shall not be allowed to militate against his claim for any other appointment "when a suitable vacancy may occur." (*Vide* copy of printed paper No. 95 in return above referred to.) Mr. Rossi was subsequently offered the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Grenfell, but declined it.

(4.) This is a question of law to be decided by the Court.

(5.) Evading Payment of Cab Fares:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that during the present month two cabmen have given men in charge for evading payment of fares, and that in one case, at No. 1 Police Station, Clarence-street, the Sergeant of Police refused to receive the charge, and that in the other a Sergeant of Police ordered the release of the person so charged?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government Tramway Authorities have power to give in charge persons refusing to pay fares; and, if so, why is not the same privilege granted to licensees under the Metropolitan Traffic Act?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police:—

(1.) The Superintendent in charge of the Metropolitan District reports that a man who was under the influence of liquor, and apparently of unsound mind, was brought to No. 1 Police Station by a cabman, but, as the man gave his correct address, the senior-constable refused to take the charge. The man was charged with being drunk, and subsequently with being of unsound mind. In another case, a respectably-dressed woman was brought to the police station by a cabman, but she expressed her willingness to pay the fare, and requested the cabman to call at her residence on the following day for the money.

(2.) Yes. Licensees under the Metropolitan Traffic Act may proceed against persons who fraudulently evade the payment of cab fares.

(6.) Case of Fletcher *versus* Ryan, Redfern Court:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that in the Police Court proceedings at Redfern, Fletcher *versus* Ryan, for evading payment of a cab fare, Mr. Donaldson, S.M., stated he could make an order for payment but he had no power to enforce it by imprisonment, and if he did so a prohibition might be applied for in the Supreme Court; and, if such is the case, will he so amend the Metropolitan Traffic Act to meet this as well as other difficulties under which licensees labour?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—I have ascertained that an order was made for the payment of the fare and costs, and, in default, one month's imprisonment.

(7.) Industrial School Children:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government for support of children in Industrial Schools for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£2,919 1s. 4d.

(8.) Appointment of Mr. C. M. Black, Wyalong, to the Commission of the Peace:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that in the list of recent appointments to the Commission of the Peace there appears the name of Mr. C. M. Black, Postmaster, Wyalong?

(2.) Is he aware that his predecessors in office have avoided the practice of appointing public officials to the Commission of the Peace unless where necessary to the performance of their duties?

(3.) Is he aware that Mr. Black is an officer of the Federal Government, and as such it is not necessary for him to be a State Magistrate?

(4.) Is it a fact that within a stone's throw of the Wyalong Post Office there are a Police Magistrate, a Clerk of Petty Sessions, and seven or eight other Justices of the Peace, and in Wyalong and West Wyalong no fewer than twenty-six Justices of the Peace?

Sir John See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Yes.

(4.) I am not aware, but will cause inquiries to be made.

(9.) Land at the head of the Colo River leased for Coal-mining Purposes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a lease of 4,000 acres at the head of the Colo River been granted within the past few months for coal-mining purposes; if so, to whom; and under what labour conditions?

(2.) In replying, will he afford the above information without reference to the leases held by the Glen Alice Shale Company and others in the Capertee Valley, particulars regarding which were not sought when the above Question was last asked?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No lease of 4,000 acres has been granted on any part of the Colo River within the past few months.

(10.) Residence for the Officer-in-Charge at Garden Island:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With reference to the property recently purchased by the Government at a cost of £8,000, as a residence for the Officer-in-Charge at Garden Island, is not the land leasehold; if so, what ground rent per annum, if any, is to be paid, and how many years has the lease to run?

(2.) Would it not cost nearly £2,000 to convert the leasehold into a freehold?

(3.) Has Mr. Westgarth, from whom it was purchased, now claimed £500 in addition to the price above mentioned, for the water frontage resumption right; and will it not cost a large sum to improve such water frontage and make a suitable landing dock?

(4.) Who valued the property, and through what firm was it sold?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes, leasehold—ground rent, £32 10s. per annum; lease has about sixty-two years to run.

(2.) Not necessary.

(3.) No.

(4.) Messrs. Hardie and Gorman.

(11.) Limitation of Debate in the Assembly:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention this Session, and when, to give this House the opportunity of adopting or rejecting the report of the Standing Orders Committee adopted on the 24th July, 1900, having reference to the Limitation of Debate?

Sir John See answered,—I know my honorable friend takes a burning interest in this question of the Standing Orders. It is not my fault that the Committee have not met. I will try and give my honorable friend an opportunity of ventilating his grievances before the end of the Session. I can quite understand my honorable friend's desire to have all these matters attended to, but there are so many things to be done, as far as I am concerned, that I am going all day long, and all night too, pretty well, and I find it impossible to accomplish everything. I will endeavour to give an opportunity to have the matter settled.

(12.) Electric Tram, Crown-street Line:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When the electric tram system is completed on the Crown-street line, is it the intention of the Tramway Authorities to again run these trams to the corner of Dowling-street?

(2.) Seeing the great boon this extension was to the residents of Dowling, Bourke, and other streets, both on the Redfern and Surry Hills side, especially to the travelling public using Oxford-street, and in view of the fact that the present 1d. section from Cleveland-street to Oxford-street is less than half the distance of any other 1d. section, will they restore the full distance of this section to Dowling-street as speedily as possible?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed it is not intended to extend the trams to Dowling-street.

(2.) The introduction of the direct service, Dowling-street to Bridge-street, *via* Railway, made way for the termination of the Crown-street trams at Cleveland-street. It is inconvenient to run the two services to Dowling-street.

(13.) Temporary Staff, Crown Law Office:—*Mr. Sullivan*, for Mr. Power, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Attorney-General, or other responsible authority, to reduce, at the end of this year, the number of the temporary staff at present engaged in the Crown Law Office in the investigations of titles and settlement of claims in connection with the Darling Harbour and Rocks resumptions?

(2.) Is it a fact the majority of the claims are still unsettled?

(3.) Is it not a fact that Parliament has just made provision on the Estimates for the payment of the salaries of the whole of those at present engaged in the work?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The officers on the temporary staff will be retained so long as there is sufficient work to justify the retention of their services.

(2.) Many claims have yet to be settled; but they are being dealt with as quickly as possible.

(3.) Yes.

(14.) Proposed Railway from Cowra to Gregra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the survey of the railway from Cowra to Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, be completed and referred for report to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The survey has been completed, and the plans are being plotted; when these are ready I will obtain the Railway Commissioners' report and submit the matter to the Public Works Committee.

(15.) New Central Railway Station:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he furnish any estimate, or approximate estimate, of the amount of public money that has up to the present date been expended in preparing the work for the erection of the Central railway station in Devonshire-street?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The expenditure on the Central railway station to date is £212,811 8s. 4d. This includes:—Removal of bodies and new cemetery at La Perouse, £46,244 19s.; removal of buildings, £4,522 0s. 9d.; land resumptions, £106,075 18s. 9d.; works and miscellaneous, plant, &c., £55,968 8s. 4d. I may say, however, that the new cemetery has saved the country more than £50,000. We have a line of tramway out there which has already more than paid for itself by the construction of this new cemetery; and with regard to the buildings, after selling all the material, we had £1,500 clear profit.

(16.) Public Service:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Under the provisions of section 10 of the Public Service Act of 1895, is not the salary determined by the Public Service Board entirely dependent on the importance of the work performed by or assigned to an officer?

(2.) Was not the reorganisation of the Public Service in 1896, and the regrading within the last eighteen months, carried out on these lines?

(3.) Has any departure from this principle taken place in the recent regrading; and what reason is assigned by the Public Service Board for such departure?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Service Board has furnished the following reply:—The importance and value of the work performed is undoubtedly the main factor in determining what an officer's salary shall be, but other things have to be taken into consideration, such as an officer's length of service and experience, and his seniority in relation to other officers. For instance, an officer of long service and mature experience would naturally be of more value in any particular position than a younger and less experienced man. These were the principles on which the Board determined salaries in connection with the reorganisation which took place in 1896, and the same principles were followed in connection with the regrading of last year.

(17.) Colonial Wines:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has anything further been done in connection with a number of samples of colonial wine taken from different houses in the city some time ago?

(2.) Is he aware whether any of the samples so taken were the products of other States; if so, will he kindly inform this House what States they came from?

(3.) As the absence of any report upon these samples, supposed to be adulterated, has had a very prejudicial effect upon our local wine-growers, creating suspicion in the mind of the public as to their purity, will he be good enough to have a report published as soon as possible?

Sir John See answered,—This is a matter for the Treasurer, but I will get the information by Tuesday next.

3. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By Mr. Kidd,—From certain storekeepers and others of Campbelltown.
(2.) By Mr. Kidd,—From certain storekeepers and others of Menangle.
(3.) By Mr. Kidd,—From certain storekeepers and others of Thirlmere.
(4.) By Mr. Mackenzie,—From certain storekeepers and others of Liverpool.
(5.) By Mr. Mackenzie,—From certain storekeepers and others of Hoxton Park.
(6.) By Mr. Haynes,—From certain storekeepers and others of Wellington.
(7.) By Mr. Haynes,—From certain storekeepers and others of Stuart Town.
(8.) By Mr. Haynes,—From certain storekeepers of Euchareena.
(9.) By Mr. Thomson,—From certain storekeepers and others of Kendall.
(10.) By Mr. Fegan,—From certain storekeepers and others of Wickham.
(11.) By Mr. Thomson,—From certain storekeepers and others of Tinonee.

Petitions received.

4. Papers:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Insect Pests and their Parasites.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Triangle at Gravesend, in connection with the Moree to Inverell Railway.

(2.)

(2.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of a Weir across the Bogan River at Gongolgon.
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for the construction of Drains at Lillyville.
(4.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for Drainage of the Liverpool Asylum.
(5.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Loop-line at Dubbo, in connection with the Dubbo to Coonamble Railway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Moruya.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Minister for Lands, reversing the forfeiture of J. W. Ludwig's Conditional Purchase No. 95-2, Albury.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Case of E. L. Warton, Fettlers' Ganger, Government Railways:—Mr. Nielsen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Order, "Case of E. L. Warton, Fettlers' Ganger, "Government Railways," laid upon the Table on the 11th June, 1902, and ordered to be printed, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Dismissal from the Railway Service of Fettlers' Ganger E. L. Warton."
Question put and passed.

6. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-first Report from the Printing Committee.

7. Seamens Accident Relief Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for allowances to sailors injured by accidents whilst following their occupation, and the relatives of persons killed or injured by such accidents; for that purpose to provide for contributions by owners of ships and persons employed in or about the same and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent upon, those objects.
Question put and passed.

8. Garbage Tip between Wellington and Ocean Streets, Bondi (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carroll moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the instructions issued by the Board of Health to the Borough Council of Waverley, for its guidance relating to the recently-established garbage tip between Wellington and Ocean Streets, Bondi.
Question put and passed.

9. Gold-Dredging Leases Modification Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Kidd, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20*th November*, 1902.

10. Public Service (Declaratory and Amendment) Bill:—On motion of Mr. Waddell, the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill was discharged.

11. Public Service (Superannuation) Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 163.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to transfer to the Consolidated Revenue Fund the moneys at credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to provide that moneys payable into and out of the said account shall be paid into and out of the said fund; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20*th November*, 1902.

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

12. BOILERS REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 21 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fruit Pests:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that in the Eastern States of America the San José scale is very prevalent, and the orchardists fumigate and spray to try and cope with the pest, and that wherever effort on the part of the fruit-growers to have the Governments follow the example of California, by introducing the natural enemies of the pest, is opposed by the State Entomologists; and is not the Gipsy moth fight in the State of Massachusetts a good illustration of their opposition?

(2.) Has it not been shown that if natural parasites of some of our pests had been introduced years ago, we would have been less likely to have had the ports of the world closed against our infested fruit?

(3.) Will he not admit that at the Hawaiian Islands the importation of beneficial insects brought about the best of results in connection with the sugar-cane plantations, &c.?

(4.) Has there been anything done to ascertain what keeps the white wax-scale (*Ceroplastes ceriferus*), that is such a pest in this State, in check in India, of which country it is a native?

(5.) Is it not a fact that the red scale (*Aspidiotus aurantii*) is held in check in China to such an extent by its natural enemies that it had never been recorded as occurring in that country, and that California has only recently secured its parasite from there?

(6.) Is it not a fact that the true parasite of any insect could only be expected to be found in the native home of such insect; and would not that parasite be subject to a parasite also; and could not the secondary one be separated from the primary one; if so, would not the first increase very rapidly?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I will lay the information on the Table in the form of a return.

(2.) Settlers in the Drought-stricken Districts:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that fines and interest are still being imposed by the Department upon settlers in the drought-stricken districts who are unable to pay their rent when it falls due?

(2.) In view of the severity of the drought, and the trying ordeal which these settlers have gone, and are still going, through, will he at once give instructions to his officers to discontinue inflicting such penalties until the drought is at an end?

(3.) Will he also consider the advisableness of introducing legislation to empower him to either remit the whole of the rents due by the settlers in the drought-stricken districts during the drought period, or postponing payment of same for a period of years, in order to give them a chance to surmount the many difficulties which they are now confronted with?

(4.) Is he also aware that a great deal of the distress which now exists amongst the settlers in the Central Division is caused through the small areas which they have been compelled to live upon, necessitating them overstocking their holdings, and thus accentuating the evils of the drought?

(5.) In the new Land Bill which he proposes to introduce, will he seriously consider the advisableness of making provisions for increasing the areas for future settlement, and for allowing the present holders to increase their holdings to an area sufficiently large to enable them to make a living for themselves and their families?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) Payment of interest at 5 per cent. is imposed by law, but in every case where reliable recommendation is made it is not enforced.

(2.) I will not give any instructions to officers, but where the Member for the district makes a recommendation it will be granted.

(3.) I am considering this matter, but without legislation I cannot do it.

(4.) Yes. The new Land Bill will give the necessary relief.

(5.) Yes. I thoroughly agree.

2. Closer Settlement Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the Crown will resume the Garangula Estate,—
(1.) By Mr. Barnes,—From certain residents of Cootamundra.
(2.) By Mr. Burgess,—From certain residents of Young.
Petitions received.

3. Paper:—Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Further Return respecting Insect Pests and their Parasites.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Fisheries Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

5. Boilers Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, *passed.*
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the construction and use of steam boilers, and to provide for inquiry into boiler explosions,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21*st November*, 1902.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Land held under Occupation License, Narrabri Electorate :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of land held under occupation license on each holding (naming the holding) in the Narrabri electorate?

(2.) When did the leasehold areas of such holdings expire?

(3.) What action does he intend taking in regard to these lands; and when, in each case, are they likely to be available for settlement?

(4.) Which of the said holdings are affected by exchanges?

(5.) What is the nature of such exchanges?

(6.) When are these exchanges likely to be completed?

(7.) Will such exchanges militate against the remainder of the lands not affected thereby being made available for settlement?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague will have the information collected and forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(2.) Government Printing Office :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government Printer in the shape of collections for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£12,553 13s. 9d.

(3.) Rules of Court, Industrial Arbitration Act :—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When are the fees charged under the Rules of Court of the Industrial Arbitration Act to be reduced, as promised by the Attorney-General some time ago?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply :—The Court of Arbitration has had the matter under consideration, and certain modifications of the existing charges will be effected when the Court Rules are consolidated—early next year.

(4.) Marking of Ballot-papers in State Elections :—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that under the Federal Election Law the practice of marking ballot-papers by a cross (as it exists in the majority of the States), instead of striking out the names, has been adopted?

(2.) Will the Government, in order to save confusion at elections, bring in a Bill to amend the State Electoral Laws so as to make the marking of ballot-papers in State elections uniform with the system adopted by the Federal Parliament?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The matter will receive attention.

(5.) Statute of Limitations:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government introduce a Bill next Session to amend the Statute of Limitations by reducing the periods of limitation for commencing suits for recovery of real estate from twenty years, ten years, and ten years respectively to twelve years, six years, and six years respectively, so as to bring the law of this State in line with that of Great Britain and the rest of Australia?

Sir John See answered,—A Bill dealing with this subject is now before the Legislative Council.

(6.) Third-class Drivers and Harbours and Rivers Masters, Dredge Service:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he received a deputation from the third-class drivers and Harbour and Rivers masters in the Dredge Service, asking to be allowed to rise to the highest positions in the Service without having served their time as mechanics or at sea?

(2.) Was any amendment made by the Public Service Board regulations in consequence of the deputation's representations; if not, why not?

(3.) Did any other deputation wait upon him having counter claims; if so, would he mind informing this House as to the answer given to them?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A modification in the qualifications required of a harbour and river master was made.

(3.) Yes; a second deputation having counter claims waited upon me, and the representations of both deputations were referred to the Public Service Board, that body being charged by Statute with the duty of making regulations, the result being that the standard required for the higher grades was maintained, and the slight modification in the qualifications of a harbour and river master before referred to was made.

(7.) Colonial Wines:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has anything further been done in connection with a number of samples of colonial wine taken from different houses in the city some time ago?

(2.) Is he aware whether any of the samples so taken were the products of other States; if so, will he kindly inform this House what States they came from?

(3.) As the absence of any report upon these samples, supposed to be adulterated, has had a very prejudicial effect upon our local wine-growers, creating suspicion in the mind of the public as to their purity, will he be good enough to have a report published as soon as possible?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 3.) No. Analysis of the samples showed that, in a large number of cases, preservatives had been added to the wine. It was, however, considered, to be, at least, very doubtful whether proceedings could be successfully taken in cases where preservatives were found. A regulation under the Public Health Act has now been framed for the approval of His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, which will meet cases of this kind in future.

(2.) Yes; 24 out of 115 were South Australian wines.

(8.) Workmen's Compensation Bill:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. O'Conor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Workmen's Compensation Bill this Session, and thus enable workmen to obtain redress for injuries, which the present antiquated state of the law prevents?

Mr. Perry answered,—A notice of motion is on the Paper, and the Bill will be introduced into the Upper House to-morrow night.

(9.) Industrial Arbitration Court:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. O'Conor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are thirty-one cases set down for hearing in the Industrial Arbitration Court?

(2.) Will twenty-two cases be heard in Sydney, three in Lithgow, one at Broken Hill, and five at Newcastle—three of which latter cases will be heard together?

(3.) Seeing the congested state of the business of the Court, will not cases be more expeditiously heard by the establishment in Sydney of a second Court rather than one at Newcastle?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Twenty-two cases are ordered to be heard in Sydney, three at Lithgow, one at Broken Hill, and five at Newcastle. Three of the latter are ordered to be heard together.

(3.) A second Court of co-ordinate jurisdiction would cause confusion.

(10.) Industrial Schools:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government in the shape of contributions for children in the Industrial Schools for the year ending 30th June?

Mr. Waddell answered,—If the Honorable Member desires to know the amount received as contributions for children in the State Industrial Schools only, it is as follows, viz., the "Sobraon," £275 9s. 6d.; the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, £48 11s. 6d.; total, £324 1s. If, however, he wishes to know the amount collected under the head of revenue, "For the support of "children in the Industrial Schools, &c," it is £2,919 1s. 4d., as stated in reply to his Question No. 7 of 20th instant.

(11.) Government Tramways:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Railway Commissioners state the distance of each first penny section on the tram-lines running out of the City of Sydney?

Mr.

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the lengths of these sections are :—

Line.	Sections.	Distances.
		m. c.
Railway	Circular Quay to Sydney Railway Station	1 64
Dulwich Hill		
Cook's River		
Balmain	Circular Quay to Harris-street	1 76
Leichhardt		
Glebe Point		
Pyrmont		
Miller's Point	Miller's Point to Harris-street	2 29
Botany	Bridge-street to Railway Subway	1 56
Cleveland-street...		
Bondi		
Waverley	Bridge-street to Darlinghurst	1 40
Coogee		
La Perouse		
Crown-street	Bridge-street to Crown-street Junction	1 28
Ocean-street	King-street Wharf to Victoria-street...	1 28
Rose Bay		

(12.) Sydney Cricket Ground :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What was the percentage charged by the Association Cricket Ground Trustees for the use of the ground during the late Cycling Carnival ?
(2.) What was the gross amount taken at the gates ?
(3.) What amount was taken at the members' bar during the Carnival ?
(4.) How many members have renewed their subscriptions to date ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague does not think this information can be supplied. I understand that the Trustees make certain business arrangements with persons who desire to use or hold exhibitions on the ground, and although the Trustees themselves might, from one point of view, have no desire to withhold information, they have to respect the wishes of parties who do business with them. Such parties are naturally unwilling that their private matters should be made public.

(13.) New Railway Station, Devonshire-street :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is likely to be the cost of erecting the new railway station at Devonshire-street when finished, and out of what fund or Loan Vote is the money being expended ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The amount authorised by the Public Works Committee is as follows:—Works £421,000, Resumptions £140,600—£561,600 ; Statutory increase, 10 per cent., £56,160—£617,760. This may have to be increased owing to necessary improvements, suggested by a board of inter-State and other experts, and additional accommodation provided for, including larger resumption of land than was originally contemplated, giving splendid city assets, but the cost of which cannot yet be given as valuations have not all been made. A fair revenue will be obtained from the shops on the street frontage of the station, and the resumed shops and houses in Pitt and George Streets and the new thoroughfare. The payments to date have been made from the Loan Vote of £450,000, taken in 1884 for "City Extension."

(14.) Case of Major Lenehan, Federal Military Department :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) In view of the fact that Major Lenehan is a New South Wales citizen, and that the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales has practically expressed an opinion, on an adjournment motion, that his case should be made the subject of a full inquiry, will he communicate with the Honorable the Federal Minister for Defence suggesting that an inquiry should precede any action prejudicial to Major Lenehan's position ?
(2.) Has he noticed in the Press reports a statement that the Federal Military Department is considering the question as to whether Major Lenehan, of New South Wales, is to be permitted to remain in the Commonwealth Defence Forces ?
(3.) Having promised this House to make representations to the Federal Government in regard to the case of Major Lenehan, will he inform this House what was the nature of those representations ?

Sir John See answered,—The correspondence with the Federal Government relating to this case was laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant. I understand that Major-General Hutton recommended that Major Lenehan should be asked to retire from the Federal Forces, and that Sir John Forrest, the Minister of Defence, has now decided to go into the whole question again.

(15.) Permanent-way Employee named John Power :—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a permanent-way employee named John Power passed the Staff in 1892, and that, on being retrenched, he was promised the first vacancy ?
(2.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding this promise, he was not re-engaged for five years ?
(3.) Is it a fact that at the time of his recent retrenchment (27th September last) he had longer service than other men who were retained ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1 and 2.) I am informed there is no record of such passing or promise.
(3.) Yes ; men retained being considered more suitable for continued employment.

(16.) Residence for the Officer-in-Charge of Garden Island:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was not this House given to understand that the property purchased recently as a residence for the Officer-in-Charge of Garden Island, was freehold, and was not the first information as to its being leasehold given on Thursday, 20th November last, in reply to Question 10?

Sir John See answered,—No.

(17.) Births, Deaths, and Marriages:—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the majority of the original certificates of the births, deaths, and marriages of the people of this State are not filed in the office of the Registrar-General, but remain in the custody of the suburban and country registrars, and that it is only copies that are preserved in the fire-proof buildings constructed for the purpose in Sydney?

(2.) Is it not a fact that numbers of these country and suburban registrars are business people over whom the Registrar-General has practically no control?

(3.) Is it not a fact that, as a consequence of this system, thousands of original birth, death, and marriage certificates have been lost?

(4.) Is it not a fact that numerous mistakes have been discovered in the books kept by these country and suburban registrars?

(5.) Is it not a fact that some £5,000 per annum in fees, postage, books, &c., would be saved to the Department by the abolition of the country and suburban registrars, and the filing of the original certificates with the Registrar-General?

(6.) Is it not a fact that this could be done without causing any inconvenience to the people in the country, by entering into an arrangement with the Commonwealth Government to have forms supplied and filled up by the local postmasters, and by authorising certain Justices of the Peace to perform the marriage service when clergymen are not available, as is done in some of the other States?

Sir John See answered,—The Registrar-General has furnished me with the following information:—

(1.) Under the provisions of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, original entries of births, deaths, and marriages are retained in the office of the District Registrar in whose district the event occurred. Copies of all entries are forwarded to the Registrar-General, by whom they are retained for the purpose of evidence. Certified copies have the same force whether made from original entries or returns.

(2 and 3.) No.

(4.) Quarterly returns are examined at the Head Office, with a view to the rectification of any mistakes discovered. Mistakes occur frequently, but this is inevitable, and they rarely escape detection.

(5 and 6.) Nothing like the sum mentioned is expended. The course suggested is considered to be impracticable. Its adoption in any other State has not come under the notice of the Registrar-General.

(18.) Expenses of the Parties in the Inquiry *re* the Condoublin Election:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the fact that the Elections and Qualifications Committee brought up a Report on 10th October, 1901, in which a recommendation was made that the expenses of the parties in the inquiry *re* the Condoublin election should be paid by the Crown, and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister on that date, in answer to a Question asked by Mr. Dacey, said that he would give effect to the recommendation of the Committee, will he place the necessary amount to cover the legal expenses incurred by the parties to this petition upon the Supplementary Estimates?

Sir John See answered,—In October, 1901, £100 each was paid to Messrs. Clara and Stewart to meet expenses in connection with the election, but no legal expenses were included in that amount, and it has not been usual for the Government to pay charges of this description.

2. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By Mr. Nielsen,—From certain storekeepers and others of Rugby.
(2.) By Mr. Briner,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bellingen.
(3.) By Mr. Briner,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bellingen.
(4.) By Mr. Phillips,—From certain storekeepers of Dubbo.
(5.) By Mr. Jones,—From certain storekeepers and others of Inverell.
(6.) By Mr. Jones,—From certain storekeepers and others of Ashford.
(7.) By Mr. McLaurin,—From certain storekeepers and others of Germanton.
(8.) By Mr. McLaurin,—From certain storekeepers and others of Walla Walla.
(9.) By Mr. McLaurin,—From certain storekeepers and others of Walla Walla.
(10.) By Mr. McLaurin,—From certain storekeepers and others of Henty.

Petitions received.

3. Papers:—

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report respecting refund to Messrs. H. H. Kingsbury and Company, in connection with the George-street Electric Tramway.

(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Berry.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines on the method of payment and custom in regard to the use of tokens at certain collieries near Maitland.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Service Reservoir in connection with the Vaucluse Water Supply.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. LIQUOR BILL:—Sir John See presented a Petition from certain residents of Grafton, representing that the employment of women as barmaids is inimical to their best interests, and fraught with moral danger to them; and praying that provision be made to prohibit the employment of women in such a capacity.
Petition received.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until To-morrow.
(2.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Thursday next.

6. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 164.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900; the Miners' Accident Relief Amendment Act, 1901; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to give priority to certain debts on bankruptcy or winding up.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21*st November*, 1902.

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

7. WATER CONSERVATION AND IRRIGATION:—Mr. Reymond proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—
(1.) Water conservation and irrigation are questions of supreme importance to this country.
(2.) Thirty-two weirs should be constructed between Cowra and Condobolin as a practical work of water conservation and irrigation, and as a measure of relief to the distressed settlers in that part of the State.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this subject had been discussed, during the present Session, in relation to the Water and Drainage Bill, and the debate could not be repeated on the present motion.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that as objection had been taken to the motion, it must be dealt with as a whole in accordance with the rules of Parliament. After careful consideration he must rule that the motion would raise the same Debate as that which took place on the Bill referred to, and that being irregular, he must declare it to be out of order.

8. CASE OF CHARLES H. OLIVE, LATELY TRIED AT CASINO:—Mr. Pyers moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, letters, and correspondence connected with the case of Charles H. Olive, lately tried at Casino, and fined £65 for not giving notice before killing cattle under the Slaughtering Act.
Question put and passed.

9. OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to conduce to the more careful preparation and revision of Bills before this House, the office of Parliamentary Draftsman should be attached to "Parliament," and the holder of such office should attend at the Table of Parliament during all proceedings on Bills, in order to be available for purposes of consultation and assistance in respect of the drafting of such Bills and amendments therein.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Parliament."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902.

10. PAPER:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report on Artesian Boring and Irrigation in America by Mr. James W. Boultbee, Superintendent of Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring.
Ordered to be printed.

11. FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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12. WINE ADULTERATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the adulteration of wine, and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. GOLD AND MINERAL DREDGING (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

14. FORESTRY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the conservation and management of forest lands; the collection of royalties on timber; the issue of licenses and permits to fell and obtain timber; and for all other purposes consequent upon and incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the conservation and management of forest lands; the collection of royalties on timber; the issue of licenses and permits to fell and obtain timber; and for all other purposes consequent upon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Bennett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the conservation and management of forest lands; the collection of royalties on timber; the issue of licenses to fell and obtain timber; and for all other purposes consequent upon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Store Rent and Carriage of Gunpowder:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received for store rent and carriage of gunpowder for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£6,261 19s. 7d.

(2.) Sheep and Cattle Trucked:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) About how many truck loads of sheep have during the last two months arrived at Clyde from the country?
(2.) Of these sheep, how many, approximately, have died on the journey?
(3.) Have any of such dead sheep been forwarded to canning or freezing works?
(4.) Has the Government taken any, and, if so, what, steps to prevent such dead sheep being disposed of for human consumption?
(5.) If the Government has taken no such steps, is it proposed to do anything to control the disposal of sheep or cattle dying whilst entrained?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed—
(1.) 3,920 trucks, of which 3,562 were for Flemington Sale-yards and 358 for Sandown Meat Works.
(2.) 909 sheep, out of an estimated total of 356,000, were dead in the trucks arriving at Flemington. The Sandown trucks were unloaded by the Meat Company's employees, and no information is available in regard to the trucks on arrival there.
(3.) The Department is not aware.
(4 and 5.) No occasion for special action is known. Local Authorities, Municipal Councils, Special Inspectors, the Police, and other authorised persons have ample powers under several statutes to secure the destruction of such carcases, and to prevent them from being prepared for food, and there is no reason to think that the powers conferred are not habitually and duly exercised.

(3.) Application by Messrs. Sullivan and Long, of Coramba, for Prospecting Aid:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Referring to papers 02/4,547 P.B., will he say upon what date the application by Messrs. Sullivan and Long, of Coramba, for prospecting aid, was received by the Department?
(2.) On what date was the aid granted?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The first application by Messrs. Sullivan and Long for aid to prospect their ground at Coramba was received in February, 1902, and was refused. They made a second application on the 16th June, 1902; this also was refused, and they were informed that aid would not be granted until they located the reef which they wished to prospect. They applied again on the 1st August, and were again refused. On the 17th September they again applied, and stated that they had located the reef; their statement was verified, and aid was granted on the 15th November last.

(4.) Gaol Warders and Asylum Attendants:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take the necessary steps to give the powers of appointment, suspension, and dismissal of gaol warders and asylum attendants to the Public Service Board?

Sir John See answered,—I am of opinion that such a change would be most injudicious.

(5.) Building at the back of the Museum :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Rose, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When is it intended to complete the building at the back of the Museum?

(2.) Have the trustees sufficient specimens, beyond those already on exhibit, to fill such building when completed?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

(1.) When funds are available and voted by Parliament.

(2.) It is understood that the trustees have more than sufficient specimens to fill the building.

(6.) *Hansard* Accommodation :—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has anything yet been done to improve the conditions under which the *Hansard* men work?

(2.) If not, will the Government place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates to enable these hard-worked officers to have something like reasonable accommodation?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Plans have been prepared for proposed additional accommodation.

(2.) A sum has been noted on the Additional Estimates for the work.

(7.) Water and Drainage Works :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a list showing the works he proposes, and has already sanctioned, with probable cost of each work, under the Water Conservation and Drainage Bill, now in its final stages in Parliament?

(2.) Is it intended by the Minister to expend any of the money in anything but drainage in any portion of the Coast District?

(3.) Will he say that in conserving water no money expended under this Bill shall be for any works but those necessary in drought-stricken districts?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to be so good as to postpone these Questions until the Bill becomes law, as nothing definite can be decided until then. I have got everything ready. As soon as you put the money in my pocket I will start work.

(8.) Telegraphic Messages :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he furnish any information as to the reason why, since the advent of recent postal regulation under Federation, residents in the State of New South Wales, when sending a telegram, are charged for the name and address as well as the message?

Sir John See answered,—This has been arranged by the Federal Government.

(9.) Treasury Notes :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the action of the Government in passing a Bill authorising the issue of Treasury Notes, owing to the bank crisis in 1893, will he take into consideration the necessity and urgency of adopting and passing a similar measure with the view of affording relief to distressed pastoralists or stock-owners and farmers who have suffered so severely from the loss of stock and the failure of crops during the present disastrous drought?

(2.) If the Government are unable to take action in this respect, will they take into consideration the desirability of passing a short measure to indemnify stock-owners and farmers who have suffered heavy losses, next to ruination, being sued in courts of law, and to secure their property from being distrained on or confiscated for a period of twelve months, as has been done in similar cases and circumstances that have occurred in the States of America?

(3.) Seeing that the wheat crop has been all but a complete failure in the majority of districts in the State, owing to the present drought-stricken season, will the Government further take into consideration the advisability of at once taking steps to secure and purchase all the old and available unsold portion of last year's wheat crop as seed wheat, to be distributed among farmers who have suffered and become a failure, in place of buying or procuring a supply of seed wheat from other States or countries that has not become acclimatised, and thus save, as far as possible, the danger of next year's crop becoming a failure from this cause, viz., the introduction of seed wheat that has not been acclimatised?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is now receiving the serious consideration of the Government and the Conference.

(10.) Travelling Expenses and Fees to Country Medical Officers :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have new regulations, *re* the payment of travelling expenses and fees to country medical officers, been yet framed by the Chief Medical Adviser to the Government; and, if they have, when will same come into force?

Sir John See answered,—The regulations referred to were published in the *Gazette* of the 14th instant, and will take effect from that date.

(11.) Payment of Income Tax :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that a large number of citizens liable to pay income tax have failed absolutely to do so, and that in many cases no contribution to the revenue from this source has yet been made, even though the tax has been in operation for over six years?

(2.) Is it intended that steps shall be taken to secure payment from all defaulters?

(3.) Is it true, as alleged, that in some cases people in high positions have neglected to pay up, and that the taxation authorities are prevented by influences outside their Department from taking proceedings in the Courts?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No original assessments have been in arrears for six years, nor are there any persons known to the Commissioners as liable to income tax who have not been assessed. The recent examination of taxpayers' books by the Commissioners' own officers have resulted in a number of new assessments. The sixty days' grace allowed for payment has in some cases not yet expired.

(2.) All arrears have been placed in the hands of the Crown Law authorities for collection.

(3.) The Commissioners treat all defaulting taxpayers alike, irrespective of their positions.

(12.) Closer Settlement Act:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many different properties have been offered to the Government under the Closer Settlement Act, and the area of each property separately?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The following properties have been offered:—

Land Board District.	Name of Property.	Area.
		acres.
Armidale	Nullamanna	18,124
Goulburn	Maddrell	8,449
"	Richland's Estate...	21,000
Maitland	A. A. Company's Estate (Port Stephens) ...	420,000
"	Orchard Town	100
Tamworth	Burburgate	133,560
"	Telba	12,791
Wagga Wagga	Old Berrigan	23,338
"	Ringwood	26,670
"	Hill View	3,801
"	Millbank	15,200
"	Wyoming	15,000

(13.) Relief Works in the Country Districts:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, in considering the question of relief to the country districts, see that expenditures may be made inland, with a view to employing local labour and preventing an inrush of labour to the city?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Government and the Conference.

2. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Norton,—From certain storekeepers and others of Davis Town.

(2.) By *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Norton,—From certain storekeepers and others of Wollombi.

(3.) By *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Norton,—From certain storekeepers and others of Davis Town.

(4.) By Mr. Waddell,—From certain storekeepers of Mandurama, Carcoar, and Lyndhurst.

(5.) By Mr. Waddell,—From certain storekeepers of Cowra.

(6.) By Mr. Waddell,—From certain storekeepers and others of Gallymont.

(7.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Coolamon.

(8.) By Mr. Clara,—From certain storekeepers and others of Condobolin.

(9.) By Mr. Clara,—From certain storekeepers and others of Bobadah.

(10.) By Mr. Clara,—From William Carton and Sons, storekeepers, Dandaloo.

(11.) By Mr. McFarlane,—From certain storekeepers and others of Maclean.

(12.) By Mr. McFarlane,—From certain storekeepers of Lawrence.

(13.) By Mr. McFarlane,—From certain storekeepers of Brushgrove.

(14.) By Mr. Haynes,—From certain storekeepers and others of Lucknow.

Petitions received.

3. Papers:—

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Murwillumbah.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Members of Board of Examiners under the Coal Mines Regulation Act.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Wagga Wagga to Humula.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Navigation (Amendment) Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 165.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Navigation Act, 1901.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26*th November*, 1902.

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

6. PASTURES PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir John See explained to the House the action which had been taken to relieve the distress caused by the drought, and read a series of resolutions adopted by a Conference of Members relating thereto.

Mr. Carruthers also addressed the House, and Mr. Edden explained the absence from the Conference of Mr. McGowen.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Public Roads Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the opening, closing, survey, altering and improving of roads, and the alignment and alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

(2.) Explosives Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the importation, storage, and removal of gunpowder and other explosive substances*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

(3.) Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Act 30 Victoria, intituled 'An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church; to authorise the substitution of the name Church of England for the name hitherto used of United Church of England and Ireland; to give legal force and effect to the constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales contained in the Schedule to this Bill; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects,*'"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Brunker, read a first time.

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

(4.) University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the University and University Colleges Act*, 1900,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(5.) Water and Drainage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 14th November, 1902, in reference to the Water and Drainage Bill,—Insists on its amendment in clause 17; on that in clause 18, line 16; and on the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 18, disagreed to by the Assembly,—

(1.) Because where the whole cost of a local work is thrown upon a limited class of the residents, it is both equitable and conducive to good management that the larger contributors should have the greater voice.

(2.) Because such a case is analagous to the shareholders' vote in a joint concern rather than to the exercise of a popular vote.

(3.) Because the Council cannot recognise the value of any reason based upon the provisions of any Bill which has not received the sanction of Parliament.

Agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26*th November*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Ordered, That the Legislative Council's Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole at a later hour of the day

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9. Pastures Protection Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

10. Water and Drainage Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 26th November, 1902, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee does not insist upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in the Bill.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 26th November, 1902, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Water and Drainage Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly, does not insist upon its disagreements to the Council's amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1902.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 27 *NOVEMBER*, 1902, a.m.

11. Fisheries Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Mr. Kidd moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5," instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. Gold and Mineral Dredging (Amending) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Kidd, *passed.*
Mr. Kidd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act*, 1899."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act*, 1899,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th November, 1902, *a.m.*

13. Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.

14. Adjournment:—Mr. Kidd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Glebe Island Abattoirs :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received by the Government, in the shape of receipts from the Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£10,123 16s. 7d.

(2.) Acting Gaolers in Charge of Police Gaols :—Mr. Byrne asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Are acting gaolers in charge of police gaols required to perform street duty when prisoners are confined in the gaols under their charge?
(2.) If so, in view of sudden illness or other emergency, will he consider whether it is fair to such prisoners to have them locked in their cells without available attendance?
(3.) When prisoners are confined under sentence, what are the hours per day, under existing gaol regulations, acting gaolers are required to be on duty at the gaol in connection therewith?
(4.) Unless under very special emergency, are such hours considered a fair day's duty?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—
(1.) Yes, when other provision is made for guarding the prisoners, or when there are no prisoners.
(2.) It would be improper and contrary to regulations to leave prisoners so unattended.
(3 and 4.) The arrangement of the hours of duty depends upon the number of prisoners in confinement. If only one or two, the Acting Gaoler (who resides on the premises) would be relieved from duty by another constable when reasonably necessary.

(3.) Public Service Board :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Were members of the Public Service Board holders of positions in the Public Service of this State?
(2.) Who are the gentlemen, and what period did such service cover?
(3.) When does their term of office, of the gentlemen comprising the Board, expire?
(4.) Is it the Government's intention to reappoint these gentlemen?

Sir John See answered,—
(1 and 2.) Two members of the Board held positions in the Public Service, viz., Mr. J. Barling and Mr. C. Delohery. Mr. Barling had a service of thirty-five years and five months; Mr. Delohery of thirty-nine years and nine months.
(3.) The term of office of Messrs. J. Barling and G. A. Wilson will expire on the 15th January, 1903, and of Mr. Delohery on the 16th May, 1907.
(4.) The Government has this matter under consideration.

(4.) Public School Teachers :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he state the total number of teachers holding schools below their classification?

Mr. Perry answered,—There are 1, 261 teachers holding schools below their classification, made up as follows :—Males—1A, 16; 1B, 53; 2A, 276; 2B, 94; 3A, 518; 3B, 110; 3C, 13; total, 1,080. Females—2B, 6; 3A, 114; 3B, 49; 3C, 12; total, 181. These teachers are eligible for promotion to higher class schools, but opportunities for their appointment necessarily depend on the transfer of other teachers, and on the openings caused by the establishment of new schools. There is not the slightest desire to delay promotion of qualified teachers, but it will be readily understood that, where so many persons are concerned, they have often to submit to some delay before obtaining positions fully commensurate with their attainments by examination. This is the case with other employees, and, unfortunately, appears to be inseparable from all extensive systems, not only in the Government service but in commercial and marine employment, and in medical, legal, and all other professions.

(5.) Claim of Comte de Rossi :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Having regard to the Comte de Rossi's claim, does it not appear from the records that at least two Premiers have expressed themselves generally in favour of the Comte's claim?

(2.) Is it not a fact that two Select Committees have taken evidence, and that their respective reports, as laid upon the Table of this House, are favourable?

(3.) Is he aware that one of his colleagues (the Honorable E. W. O'Sullivan, Secretary for Public Works) has expressed, by letter and through the Press, his unqualified support and advocacy of the Comte's claim, having, *inter alia*, in May, 1897, published a letter in the *Daily Telegraph*, in which he avowed himself a sympathiser with the Comte, and furnished a short history of the case?

(4.) Is he aware that his colleague, the Honorable B. R. Wise, Attorney-General, has stated in writing to the Comte that "There is nothing to prevent his appearing at the Bar of the House on "behalf of the Comte de Rossi, and that he would be happy if he could serve his interests to "do so"?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) This is not shown by the records of the Department.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A letter over the signature "E. W. O'Sullivan" was published in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 5th May, 1897, advocating the claims of Captain Rossi.

(4.) Mr. Wise informs me that he did write in these terms, or to a similar effect, in response to a request from the Comte de Rossi that he would appear before the Bar of the House in his professional capacity, as advocate of the Comte de Rossi's claims.

(6.) Darling Island Grain-shed :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total amount paid to the several contractors for supplying and erecting all gear, &c., for loading vessels with grain at the Darling Island grain-shed?

(2.) Is it a fact that experts condemned the whole concern last wheat season?

(3.) Have alterations been going on since; and, if so, what have they cost?

(4.) In what condition are the shed and appliances now; and is it possible to load a vessel by the aid of the latter?

(5.) What has been the total cost to date to the Railway Commissioners of the buildings, machinery, material, alterations, &c., and what has been the total revenue?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have been supplied with information in reply as under:—

(1.) £11,636 5s. 9d.

(2.) No. The elevating and conveying plant did excellent work.

(3.) Some improvements have been made, at a cost of £626 3s. 8d.

(4.) The shed and appliances are in first-class order, and it would be possible at any moment to operate the latter for loading into or, as may become necessary, for unloading from vessels into the shed. The shed was of great value during the pressure of the grain traffic last season.

(5.) The total cost of buildings, machinery, &c., has been £31,501 4s. 9d. The revenue derived to date from rental of spaces in the shed amounts to £831 5s. The shed has also been used to some extent by the Harbour Trust.

(7.) Crown-street Tram Service :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Whiddon on Thursday, 20th November, with reference to the Crown-street tram service, in view of the very short 1d. section from Oxford-street to Cleveland-street, and considering the number of passengers who travel to Oxford-street from Surry Hills and Redfern to transact business in Oxford-street, will he confer with the Tramway Authorities with the view of allowing Crown-street passengers to transfer to the Cleveland-street tram, in order that they may complete their journey to Dowling-street on the same ticket, to compensate them for the portion of the 1d. section they have been deprived of, owing to the change of arrangements in the tram service on the Crown-street line?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The question of transfers has had serious consideration from the Commissioners; but in view of the adoption of 1d. sections they cannot see their way to introduce transfers in addition.

(8.) Members of City Clubs :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he inform this House how many members there are in each of the following clubs respectively:—Athenæum, Australian, City Tattersall's, Civic, German, Commercial Travellers', Masonic, New South Wales, Union, Tattersall's, German Club Concordia, and Warrigal?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information which the Honorable Member desires is not in my possession.

(9.) Carriage of Starving Stock :—Mr. Thomson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount has been received by Railway Commissioners for carriage of starving stock, up to latest information available?

(2.) What amount would have been received under ordinary rates?

(3.) What amount has been received for carriage of fodder during same period?

(4.) What amount would have been received had ordinary rates been charged?

(5.) What is the total amount, showing the relief thus given to drought-stricken districts by above means?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member does not define the periods for which information is desired; but, in reply to Questions, it may be stated that since the 1st July—say five months—the difference between ordinary railway rates for fodder and the nominal rates charged was £50,000, while concessions amounting to £25,000 were allowed in connection with the carriage of starving stock. During the year ended 30th June, rebates were allowed on starving stock and fodder to the extent of £50,950. In regard to the scope of the concessions granted by the Railway Commissioners, it may be pointed out that the stock already carried, and on which rebates have been allowed, if returned to their original pastures, will be granted further rebates up to 75 per cent., so that the concessions already given will be considerably augmented later on.

(10.) "Prince of Wales" Hotel, Haymarket:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in the erection of the "Prince of Wales" hotel and the two shops at Haymarket, near Central railway station?

(2.) Is it a fact that if the licensee accommodates his staff in the new building only three spare bedrooms will be available for the use of the public?

(3.) Is it a fact that there are no provisions in the plans for yards or drying areas to the proposed shops to the new street?

(4.) Is it a fact that no provision has been made in the plans for back entrances for goods, &c., to the new street?

(5.) Is it a fact that many of the bedrooms are not constructed in accordance with the Licensing Act, which provides that each room must contain in cubic area at least a space of twelve hundred (1,200) cubic feet?

(6.) Is it a fact that the licensee has offered to pay additional rent, over and above his original agreement, equal to 6 per cent. on the additional outlay, to comply with the provisions of the Licensing Act in the matter of providing additional bedrooms and other improvements?

(7.) If so, will he accede to this request in order that the provisions of the Licensing Act may be carried out?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) There is no delay in the erection of these buildings, the contractors being under a penalty to complete within a specified time.

(2.) The hotel is being erected to contain nineteen bedrooms, which he can appropriate between his staff and his customers as he thinks best.

(3.) The shops (like a large number of similar city properties) have no separate yards or drying areas.

(4.) Back entrances for goods are provided for the hotel; but none are necessary for the shops.

(5.) The requirements of the Licensing Act are fully met.

(6.) It is not a fact that the licensee has offered to pay on an additional outlay to comply with the conditions of the Licensing Act; but he has offered a 6 per cent. return to secure the shop properties in course of erection. The offer will not be accepted.

(7.) The leasing of shop properties to licensee is not necessary to enable the provisions of the Licensing Act, with regard to the hotel, to be carried out.

(11.) Payments to Contingents in South Africa:—*Mr. Coleman*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in the defence by the Crown in the case Howarth *versus* the Principal Under Secretary (on behalf of the Government) it was stated that the payments made to the Contingents in South Africa by the Imperial Government were made as agents of the New South Wales Government?

(2.) Does this Government recognise these payments so made as a debt due to the Imperial Government?

(3.) If so, what is the amount so indebted, and when is it to be paid?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The contention of the Crown was that the payments made by the British Government were to be taken in reduction of the total amount to be received by each soldier.

(2.) There are no payments due to or claimed by the Imperial Government in respect of these payments.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

(12.) A. McMillan's Homestead Selection at Pera Bore:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did A. McMillan take up a homestead selection at Pera Bore on 15th August, 1895; if so, what rent, if any, did he pay during the first five years?

(2.) Did he, at the expiration of that period, apply for a loan from the Advances to Settlers Board; if so, what amount was loaned him, and what deductions were made?

(3.) When did McMillan and his family leave the selection?

(4.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Rech and Co., through their manager, paid three years' arrears of rent on McMillan's practically abandoned selection, and then placed upon it a former tenant of theirs?

(5.) Was not McMillan's block transferred by him, without his own conditions regarding residence, &c, being at the time fulfilled; and before such transfer was effected, was an inquiry made by the Lands Department, with the view of discovering if such conditions had been observed?

(6.) Was a petition from settlers at Pera Bore forwarded to the Lands Department, protesting against the block in question being allowed to pass into the possession of the present holder until full inquiry was made; and, if so, what was done in connection with the prayer of the petitioners?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes. No rent was paid for the first five years beyond that lodged with the application.

(2.) An advance of £100 was granted on 30th September, 1899, £19 being deducted for rent and survey fee.

(3.) The selector's wife and family were residing when the inspector visited the land on the 6th November, 1900.

(4.) There is no record of this.

(5.) The grant has not issued, therefore no transfer could be effected.

(6.) My honorable colleague cannot trace such a petition.

(13.) Assessors in connection with the Land Tax Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many assessors are employed in carrying out the work of reappraisement under the Reappraisement Act?

(2.) How many assessors are employed in carrying out the fixing of values of lands for taxation purposes?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of appointing an additional number of assessors in connection with the Land Tax Department, and thus enable the work to be less perfunctorily carried out than is the case at present?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) It is presumed that this Question refers to the assessors employed in carrying out the work of reappraisement under the Reappraisement Act. If so, it should be addressed to the Honorable the Secretary for Lands.

(2.) Eight, not including the District Commissioners who lend assistance as required.

(3.) The reassessment of the more favoured portions of the State is already in hand, and the Commissioners are of opinion that, having in view the condition of drought prevailing in a considerable portion of the State, there is no need to add to the number of assessors at present employed.

(14.) Tenders for Road Contracts:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that many road contracts, tenders for which were received many weeks ago, are still hung up, pending the passing of the Appropriation Bill?

(2.) If this be so, what has become of the £300,000 voted for scheduled roads and bridges in the last temporary Supply Bill; and is it true that the money has been largely spent in relief road works in and about Sydney?

(3.) Will he so arrange in future that the amounts voted by Parliament in specific schedules shall be so expended, and thus obviate the necessity for Members of Parliament going to the Department to beg that Votes by Parliament may be expended for the purpose for which they were voted?

(4.) Will he at once accept tenders, and authorise contractors for road works to go on, so that men in country districts may earn a few pounds before Christmas?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that some road contracts are now awaiting action as to acceptance pending funds becoming available on the passing of the Appropriation Bill.

(2.) The £300,000 voted on Supply Bill is allocated. A portion of it is still to credit of local officers as a floating advance to meet wages and other urgent claims. As is usual, a part of the £300,000 has been spent on road works in the vicinity of Sydney, and the Department has thereby been enabled to provide employment to deserving cases of distress.

(3.) Yes, this is done whenever practicable upon necessary road work, which would have to be done sooner or later.

(4.) I will accept the tenders now awaiting action in this respect the moment Parliament provides funds to meet the necessary expenditure, as it is in special cases, and where employment is badly needed, I give instructions for works to proceed.

(15.) Sydney Pastures and Stock Protection Board:—Mr. Macdonald asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the Sydney Pastures and Stock Protection Board a Governmental Department under his Ministerial control?

(2.) Is he aware that circulars signed by W. Alison, Chairman of the above Board, have been forwarded to Members of the Legislative Assembly in official franked envelopes, purporting to come from the Department of Mines and Agriculture?

(3.) Is he aware that the circulars referred to urge Members to support certain important amendments in the Bill now before Parliament for the purpose of consolidating and amending the Acts relating to the Rabbit Pest, the Protection of Pastures and Live Stock, and to Diseases in Cattle and Sheep, &c.?

(4.) Is it usual for one Government Department to circularise Members of Parliament to amend a Bill introduced by the Ministerial Head of another Department?

(5.) Will he say what position Mr. W. Alison holds under the Government; also, if he is identical with Mr. W. Alison, Secretary of the Taxpayers' Union?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Circulars were sent to Members of Parliament by order of the Sydney Pastures and Stock Protection Board containing amendments which the Board, after perusal of the Bill, considered advisable to make. It is usual for copies of Bills, dealing with pastoral matters, to be referred to the various Stock Boards for consideration, and to offer any suggestions or amendments they may think proper. The envelopes used were those issued by the Department for conducting the Board's correspondence but were not stamped, they having been delivered at Parliament House and there distributed.

(3.) The circular only stated that the amendments were those which the Board considered necessary, and were submitted for earnest consideration.

(4.) No. The circular referred to was issued by the Board elected under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, and not by a Government Department.

(5.) Mr. Alison does not occupy any Government position; I am not aware.

2. Poisons Act :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines :—
(1.) By Mr. Dick,—From certain storekeepers and others of Newcastle.
(2.) By Mr. Levien,—From S. H. Hill, storekeeper, Breeza.
(3.) By Mr. Levien,—From certain storekeepers and others of Dungowan.
(4.) By Mr. Levien,—From certain storekeepers and others of Werris Creek.
(5.) By Mr. Levien,—From John Clark, storekeeper, Hanging Rock.
(6.) By Mr. Gilbert,—From certain storekeepers and others of Newcastle.
(7.) By Mr. Macdonell,—From certain storekeepers of Wrightville.
(8.) By Mr. Macdonell,—From certain storekeepers and others of Nyngan.
(9.) By Mr. Macdonald,—From certain storekeepers and others of Curban.
(10.) By Mr. Macdonald,—From certain storekeepers and others of Warrumbungle.
Petitions received.

3. Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Kidd, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 23rd July, 1902, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments made by the Council in the Bill, but proposes to amend the amendment in clause 3, which inserts a proviso, by omitting therefrom the words, "under the "provisions of the first-mentioned Act,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27*th November*, 1902.

4. Printing Committee :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-second Report from the Printing Committee.

5. Relief to Sufferers by Drought :—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the following resolutions be adopted,—

1. That immediate action be taken by the Government to afford relief in authenticated cases of distress and temporary destitution in the drought areas, and that special action be taken in respect of localities where the water supply has failed.

2. That as many public works as possible be put in hand in the drought-stricken districts, such works having been already approved of by Parliament.

3. That the Minister for Public Works believes he can find employment for a large amount of labour in the towns and country on legitimate public works already approved of by Parliament; that the sum of £20,000 be provided to supply work of a reproductive character for destitute persons in districts where no authorised public works are in progress.

4. That the Advances to Settlers Act should be extended so as to empower the Board to make advances up to £1,500.

5. That seed for sowing the agricultural lands where crops have failed, or in cases of actual need, be distributed by the Government, and be a first charge upon the crop.

6. That suspension of instalments and rents on Crown lands shall be granted by the Lands Department upon the merits of individual cases.

7. That in order to mitigate the hardship of high prices of food amongst the general mass of consumers, the Federal Government should be asked by resolution of Parliament to take immediate action to suspend for twelve months the duties on breadstuffs.

8. That in order to assist in the preservation of the remnants of our flocks and herds, similar action in respect of fodder should be taken.

9. That the Railway Commissioners be asked to continue the present liberal rates for starving stock and fodder, and to increase the rolling stock available for same.

10. That in order to permit country mills to be employed in gristing work, carriage on wheat to such mills and flour therefrom be charged carriage on one way only.

11. That the Works Department shall devote its unremitting and vigorous efforts to water conservation works in the drought-stricken districts, so as to permit of such works being carried on as rapidly as possible.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Conor moved, That the Question be amended by the addition thereto of the following words to stand resolution 12 :—"That the State Government be empowered to open negotiations with "the United States, Canada, and other wheat-growing centres, for the purchase of foodstuffs and "fodder."

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir John See,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

Tellers,

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Newman.

Tellers,

Mr. Sleath,
Mr. E. M. Clark.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Wood.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. E. M. Clark.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Carruthers
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Moore,
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Mr. Phillips,
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Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Waddell.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir John See,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Bennett,
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Mr. Kelly,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. J. F. Smith.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Cohen,
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Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Phillips.

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

And

And Mr. Cohen requiring that the resolutions be put *seriatim*,—

Resolution 1. That immediate action be taken by the Government to afford relief in authenticated cases of distress and temporary destitution in the drought areas, and that special action be taken in respect of localities where the water supply has failed,—put and passed.

Resolution 2. That as many public works as possible be put in hand in the drought-stricken districts, such works having been already approved of by Parliament,—put and passed.

Resolution 3. That the Minister for Public Works believes he can find employment for a large amount of labour in the towns and country on legitimate public works already approved of by Parliament; that the sum of £20,000 be provided to supply work of a reproductive character for destitute persons in districts where no authorised public works are in progress,—put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Cohen, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. E. M. Clark, and Mr. Wood.

Resolution 4. That the Advances to Settlers Act should be extended, so as to empower the Board to make advances up to £1,500,—put and passed.

Resolution 5. That seed for sowing the agricultural lands where crops have failed, or in cases of actual need, be distributed by the Government, and be a first charge upon the crop,—put and passed.

Resolution 6. That suspension of instalments and rents on Crown lands shall be granted by the Lands Department upon the merits of individual cases,—put and passed.

Resolution 7. That in order to mitigate the hardship of high prices of food amongst the general mass of consumers, the Federal Government should be asked by resolution of Parliament to take immediate action to suspend for twelve months the duties on breadstuffs,—put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Resolution 8. That in order to assist in the preservation of the remnants of our flocks and herds, similar action in respect of fodder should be taken,—put and passed.

Resolution 9. That the Railway Commissioners be asked to continue the present liberal rates for starving stock and fodder, and to increase the rolling stock available for same,—put and passed.

Resolution 10. That in order to permit country mills to be employed in gristing work, carriage on wheat to such mills and flour therefrom be charged carriage on one way only,—put and passed.

Resolution 11. That the Works Department shall devote its unremitting and vigorous efforts to water conservation works in the drought-stricken districts, so as to permit of such works being carried on as rapidly as possible,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 28 *NOVEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Payment to Members of Second Contingent :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government pay the whole of the members of the Second Contingent on the verdict in the case of Howarth *v.* The Principal Under Secretary (on behalf of the Government) ?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice states that it is impossible, for the reasons given in the judgments of the Full Court, to accept the decision in this case as governing other cases in which similar claims are made.

(2.) Advances to Settlers :—*Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Jones, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that delays of a lengthened and vexatious character are being experienced by applicants for loans under the Advances to Settlers Act, the Central Board having to wait three months in cases for a report from the Chairman of the Local Land Board ?
(2.) Will he give imperative instructions to have these preliminary reports expedited, and thus secure a speedy decision on each application ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Where application is made for an advance, it is imperative that the security offered should be inspected and reported upon. To save expense (towards which the applicant deposits only £2) the work is usually entrusted to the conditional purchase inspector of the district, but Chairmen of Land Boards have been asked to expedite matters, and are aware of the importance and urgency of the cases from the applicant's point of view. Their attention will be again drawn to the matter. I may mention that during last financial year about £40,000 was advanced, while during the present financial year already about £65,000 has been advanced.

(3.) Relief for Drought-stricken Districts :—Mr. Thomson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What amount represents the postponed payments granted by Secretary for Lands to occupiers of Crown lands as relief for drought-stricken districts ?
(2.) Has any other similar relief been given ; if so, how much, and how ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) There are two sets of cases, viz., those in which application is made to defer payments, and those in which the applicants for the land fail to pay, and leave the Department to postpone forfeiture. These are represented by the sum in arrear, and leaving out of account holdings in the Eastern Division, the amount in arrear for holdings in the Central and Western Divisions is about £230,000.
(2.) Relief is given in other cases by dealing generously with persons who find it difficult to carry out the conditions attaching to their holdings, and, as the Honorable Member is aware, the Advances to Settlers Board grants loans of money to settlers. Since the passing of the Advances to Settlers Act, the total amount lent is about £331,000, the total amount of instalments unpaid and overdue being about £18,000.

(4.) Parish Maps, Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware that parish maps in the Molong District, comprised in the counties of Ashburnham and Gordon, are out of stock, and the general public are unable to obtain copies of the same ?
(2.) Will he see that immediate steps are taken to have a supply of such maps prepared for the convenience of the public ?
(3.) Is he aware that selectors and applicants for land are charged £1 5s. for obtaining a tracing of land that may be contained in the parish maps, which are sold at 1s. each ?
(4.) What becomes of the money charged for printing these tracings ?

Mr.

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) There is one parish map out of the thirty-nine in the county of Gordon, and six out of the sixty in the county of Ashburnham, at present out of stock.

(2.) Fresh editions of these seven maps are in course of preparation, and will be issued for public sale from time to time as soon as each map can be completed.

(3.) No departmental charge of £1 5s. for obtaining a tracing of land that may be contained in these parish maps has been made. The practice is to apply to the Under Secretary for a copy of any parish map that may be out of stock, when a heliographic copy is supplied at the rate of 1s. each, being the charge made for the ordinary sale copies.

(4.) It is possible that an authorised public draughtsman may have been employed by one or other of the public to make tracings from parish maps, but in such a case the matter is one between the public and the draughtsman, who, not being a salaried officer, makes his own charge and retains the fee.

(5.) Assessors Employed for Taxation Purposes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many assessors are constantly employed in connection with the work of reassessing lands for taxation purposes, and is the number employed considered sufficient to admit of inspection being made of all lands reassessed?

(2.) Were the lands comprised in the Ringwood and Old Berrigan holdings inspected before being reassessed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) See reply to Question No. 13 on 27th instant. The number of assessors employed is considered sufficient for present requirements.

(2.) A reassessment of these holdings has been made, based upon an inspection.

(6.) Appointment of Temporary Officers to Permanent Staff of Public Service:—Mr. Davis asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any transfers or appointments to the Permanent Staff been made by the Public Service Board under section 11 of the Public Service Act; if not, will the Government obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the right of temporary men to be so appointed?

Sir John See answered,—The Public Service Board has furnished the following reply:—Transfers have been made from the Temporary to the Permanent Staff under the provisions of the section in question wherever such action was necessary in the interests of the Public Service, and the terms of the section applied. A large number of persons have been transferred from the Temporary Staff in this way.

(7.) Erection of "Prince of Wales" Hotel:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that some disagreement has arisen between the Government and the lessee of the "Prince of Wales" hotel now in course of construction; if so, what is the nature of the disagreement?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am not aware of any disagreement.

(8.) Manual to Dairymen issued by Board of Health:—Mr. Davidson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take steps to have the Manual to Dairymen issued by the Board of Health withdrawn owing to the restrictive regulations imposed on the dairying industry?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The manual issued by the Board of Health explains the law, and is intended to assist registered dairymen in complying with the Dairies Supervision Act. Were it withdrawn the law would remain as at present.

(9.) Tram-line to Merewether Beach:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he state when the tram-line to the Merewether Beach will be completed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am unable to make any definite promise until I know what loan moneys will be voted and available for extension of tramways generally.

(10.) Reservation Fronting Merewether Estate, Newcastle:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he yet received the report from the District Surveyor at Maitland regarding the 100 feet reservation fronting the Merewether Estate, parish of Kahibah, Newcastle?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the report; and will he lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The District Surveyor's report, with plan, has been received, and is under consideration. There are some difficulties in connection with the matter and further action will be in accordance with advising. Until final action has been taken it would not, I think, be expedient to lay the papers upon the Table of this House, but there would be no objection to the Honorable Member perusing them.

2. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By Mr. Archibald Campbell,—From certain storekeepers and others of Wollongong.

(2.) By Mr. Archibald Campbell,—From certain storekeepers and others of Albion Park.

(3.) By Sir John See,—From certain storekeepers and others of Copmanhurst.

Petitions received.

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3. PAPERS:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1902.
(2.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. FISHERIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid.*"
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28*th November*, 1902.

5. ADVERTISING HOARDINGS, SITE OF CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., relating to the matter of leasing and erecting hoardings for advertising purposes round the site of the Central railway station.
Question put and passed.

6. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 166.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27*th November*, 1902.

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

7. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts.
Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to transfer to the Consolidated Revenue Fund the moneys at credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to provide that moneys payable into and out of the said Account shall be paid into and out of the said fund; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.
Question put and passed.

9. PUBLIC ROADS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. Explosives Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

11. Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.

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

12. Land Tax (Leases) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes.

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

13. Richmond Bridge Bill:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hogue, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

14. Suspension of Sessional Order (*Order of Business*):—Mr. O'Sullivan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the House do now proceed with Order of the Day of General Business, No. 12.
Question put and passed.

15. Trustee Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

16. Suspension of Sessional Order (*Order of Business*):—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the House do now proceed with Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 4, 9, and 14.
Question put and passed.

17. COMMONWEALTH PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hurley, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

18. BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Ashton, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Ashton, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

19. REGISTRATION OF FIRMS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Levy, the report was adopted
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

20. SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER (*Order of Business*):—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the House do now proceed with Order of the Day of General Business No. 19, and Notice of Motion No. 5 of General Business.
Question put and passed.

21. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF (BULLI FUND) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hogue moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and "report.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Gilbert, "Mr. Edden, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Archibald Campbell, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—
(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Edden, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Archibald Campbell, and the Mover,—put and passed.
(3.) Mr. Gilbert (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Committee appointed to inquire into the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund, be empowered to inquire, also, into the state and administration of other and similar funds raised by public subscription.
Question put and passed.

22. PROPOSED GOVERNMENT ALIGNMENT OF FLOOD-STREET, LEICHHARDT:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hawthorne, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters affecting the interests of property-owners on the west side of Flood-street, Leichhardt, by the proposed Government alignment of the said street.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Millard, Mr. Archer, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Holman, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee, of Session 1900, be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes before Six o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Sussex-street, near the Grafton Bond :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the present condition of Sussex-street, near the Grafton Bond, is an absolute menace to the safety of all having occasion to use it, and that it is rapidly becoming quite unfit for vehicular traffic?

(2.) Is he also aware that many draymen lose portions of their loads at this spot, and, in consequence, pedestrians are always in imminent danger?

(3.) Will he inquire why the Harbour Trust authorities ignore all the complaints on this score?

Sir John See answered,—The Commissioners have not ignored the complaints that have been made regarding the congestion of traffic at this portion of Sussex-street, which they presume is what is referred to; on the contrary, plans were prepared some time ago for the widening and improvement of the northern end of the street, but the Commissioners cannot start the work until the claims for compensation made in respect of the resumption of the premises affected by the scheme shall have been settled. It is hoped, however, that this will be done in a very short time, when steps will at once be taken to carry out the work.

(2.) Land Cleared by the Unemployed on the Bogan River :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of acres of land cleared by the unemployed (a few years back) on the Bogan River?

(2.) The number of acres cleared by suckering and scrub-cutting?

(3.) In what way has the land cleared and subject to scrub-cutting, been occupied since; the area, if any, that has been sold, and amount derived from the same?

(4.) If not sold, the amount of rent received annually for the same?

(5.) Was the money expended from Loan Vote or from the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1 and 2.) About 736,600 acres of West Bogan country were cleared and scrubbed by the Government, and with adjoining lands, aggregating in all about 737,490 acres, were designed for improvement lease.

(3 and 4.) About 644,759 acres have been let under improvement lease, at an annual rental of £5,015 1s. 2d.; about 114,906 acres are held under occupation license, at an annual rental of £297 17s. 7d.; about 15,106 acres have been acquired by the Department of Mines and Agriculture as an Experimental Farm; and the balance, about 12,719 acres, is not occupied.

(5.) The money was expended from Loan Votes, *i.e.*, £100,000, 59 Vic. No. 6 (clearing and otherwise improving lands for settlement purposes), and £25,000, 60 Vic. No. 32, towards clearing or otherwise improving Crown lands.

(3.) Pension Allowed to Mr. J. P. Josephson :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What pension does Mr. J. P. Josephson draw from the Government?

(2.) Is this the same Mr. J. P. Josephson who was recently appointed a member of the Sydney Water Supply Commission?

(3.) What daily fee does Mr. Josephson draw when sitting as a member of the above Commission; when was he appointed, and what amount in fees has he drawn to date of latest payment?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) £231 15s. per annum.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) There are no fees attached to the appointment. Mr. Josephson was appointed on the 27th October, 1902. He has not received any payment to date.

(4.) Perry Estate, at Change Alley, Circular Quay:—*Mr. Coleman*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is it a fact that portion of the Perry Estate, at Change Alley, Circular Quay, was resumed by the Government?
(2.) Were legal proceedings taken to enforce payment of the compensation money?
(3.) Is it a fact that the proceedings have been ended upon certain terms, one of which is that the Government pays 5 per cent. interest on about £12,000 until that sum is available in the Treasury for payment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Proceedings were threatened.
(3.) Such a proposal was made, but the compensation money was paid on 29th ultimo without interest.

(5.) Fumigators for Ships:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Health Department to appoint a staff of fumigators for ships, owing to the outbreak of plague in Queensland?

Sir John See answered,—No; such a special staff is required only at infected ports to aid in preventing the exportation of infection.

(6.) Justices of the Peace and Publicans' Licenses:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—As considerable difference of opinion exists outside on the points enumerated below, will he kindly say (*a*) Does appointment to the Commission of the Peace render the appointee incapable of obtaining a publican's license; (*b*) if he should have obtained a license between his nomination and appointment, would he be disqualified from accepting the position?

Sir John See answered,—(*a*) and (*b*). No.

(7.) Enrolling Women on the Electoral Lists:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Electoral Office to issue Supplementary Lists in connection with the collection of women's votes, in view of the fact that a large number at first decided not to be enrolled and now wish to be enrolled?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Electoral Officer has furnished the following information:—No, but provision will be made under which claims may be lodged by persons qualified, whose names do not appear upon the lists, to have their names inserted thereon at the Revision Courts. Another means of obtaining enrolment may also be availed of, namely, by taking out an Elector's Right, after which enrolment will follow in due course.

(8.) Special Train for Sir Edmund Barton:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true, as stated in a metropolitan newspaper, that an application made by the Federal Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton, for a special train to enable him to return to Sydney from West Maitland on Thursday, 24th November, was refused by the Railway Commissioners unless the sum of £50 were paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed an application was made to the Chief Traffic Manager for a special train, Maitland to Sydney, about midnight, Friday last, and it was intimated that special could be arranged, ordinary cost being charged to the Federal Government. It is understood that Sir Edmund Barton returned to Sydney by a goods train.

(9.) Suspension of Payments, Drought-stricken Districts:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—In drought-stricken districts, where suspension of payments is granted to settlers, will he arrange that such arrears be made an annual *pro rata* charge as against exacting payment in full in any one particular year?

Mr. Bennett answered,—There is a difference between a case where payment of instalments is suspended and a case where an extension of time is granted to pay. In the former case the selector is relieved of payment, but the interest which has accrued is added to the balance of purchase money. The Advances to Settlers Act offers selectors relief in all such cases.

2. Liquor Bill:—Mr. Willis presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners believe that further restriction is needed in connection with the sale of intoxicating drinks; and praying that the Liquor Bill may be so amended as (1) to extend the existing local option law that it may apply to all new licenses; (2) to enact earlier hours of closing; (3) to enable Sunday closing to be effective; (4) to enact the non-employment of barmaids; (5) to enable public-houses to be closed on election days; (6) to prevent the sale of liquor to children and young people under seventeen years of age.
Petition received.

3. Papers:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended Orders and Regulations for the Glebe Island Abattoirs.
(2.) Papers respecting allegations made against the President of the Board of Health in connection with his report on lead-poisoning at Broken Hill.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1902.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 19th November, 1902,—"Dismissal of W. G. Ley from the "Public Works Department."
(3.) Notification of resumption, under the Public Works Act, 1900, of land for a Tank at Crookwell, for Water Supply in connection with the Goulburn to Crookwell Railway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. LAND TAX (LEASES) BILL:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 28th November, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 28th November, 1902, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of* 1895, *the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act*, 1897, *the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act*, 1898, *and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act*, 1900; *and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to trustees and trust property*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to trustees and trust property*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1902.

TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 2nd December, 1902.

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

Page 3, clause 6, line 5. *Omit* "eight" *insert* "six"

Examined,—
J. H. CANN,
Chairman of Committees.

7. COMMONWEALTH PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Clark then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable a company called the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, to cross (in connection with the construction by them of a railway) with the said railway the public road from Portland village to Cullen Bullen, and the road from Portland village to Portland siding, and reserve No.* 150, *parish of Cullen Bullen, county of Roxburgh*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a company called the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, to cross (in connection with the construction by them of a railway) with the said railway the public road from Portland village to Cullen Bullen, and the road from Portland village to Portland siding, and reserve No.* 150, *parish of Cullen Bullen, county of Roxburgh*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1902.

8. BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales*."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1902.

9. REGISTRATION OF FIRMS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Levy, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Levy then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the registration of firms.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration of firms,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1902.

10. PUBLIC ROADS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the opening, closing, survey, altering, and improving of roads, and the alignment and alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the opening, closing, survey, altering, and improving of roads, and the alignment and alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1902.

11. EXPLOSIVES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the importation, storage, and removal of gunpowder and other explosive substances.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the importation, storage, and removal of gunpowder and other explosive substances,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1902.

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until To-morrow.
(2.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Thursday next.

13. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 167.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works.

State Government House,
Sydney, 26th November, 1902.

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

14. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That this Bill be now read "a third time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said Debate.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902.

15. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

16. Pastures Protection Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

Mr. Crick moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Hayes moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 7 and "50, and to consider a new clause,"—instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 7 and 50, and to consider a new clause,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2°, with further amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Thursday next.

17. Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; to provide for voting by post; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights: for their voting at the polls; to provide for voting by post; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; to provide for voting by post; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act*, 1902,"—which was read a first time.

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

18. Miners' Accident Relief Bill:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900; the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to give priority to certain debts on bankruptcy or winding-up.

Question put and passed.

19. Closer Settlement Act Amendment Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

20. Wine Adulteration Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Kidd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

21. Public Service (Superannuation) Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to transfer to the Consolidated Revenue Fund the moneys at credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to provide that moneys payable into and out of the said Account shall be paid into and out of the said fund; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

Mr

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to transfer to the Consolidated Revenue Fund the moneys at credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to provide that moneys payable into and out of the said Account shall be paid into and out of the said fund; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

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

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to transfer to the Consolidated Revenue Fund the moneys at credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account; to provide that moneys payable into and out of the said Account shall be paid into and out of the said fund; and to amend the Public Service Act*, 1902,"—which was read a first time.

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

22. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 168.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the construction and use of lifts and of scaffolding and engines used for erecting, demolishing, altering, repairing, cleaning, or painting buildings or structures, and of gear used in connection therewith; to regulate the use of steam cranes; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1*st December*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Labour Bulletin:—Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) How many issues of the *Labour Bulletin* were published?
(2.) What was the cost?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Government Printer has furnished me with the following replies:—
(1.) Six.
(2.) £340 14s. 10d.

(2.) Taralga-Rosslyn and Goldspie-McAlister Roads:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that, owing to the non-completion of the clearing and forming of the Taralga-Rosslyn and Golspie-McAlister Roads, many settlers have not been able to use the Crookwell Railway for conveyance of their wool to Sydney?
(2.) When does he propose to proceed with such formation and the clearing?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No; I am not aware. The Rosslyn-road has been improved to some extent, and further projected works on it now await further funds becoming available on passing of Appropriation Act. The Golspie-McAlister-road has also been partly improved and its completion awaits resumption of a length through private property, a matter which is now being dealt with by Lands Department.
(2.) No avoidable delay will occur in completing necessary improvements to make these roads trafficable throughout.

(3.) Work for the Unemployed:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is any portion of the £20,000 sanctioned by Parliament for providing work for the unemployed to be expended in the Goulburn District to meet cases of distress?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Many road works are now to be carried out by day labour in the Goulburn and other districts in order to provide relief for unemployed, but it does not follow that any portion of the amount in question will be so spent, though the Road Vote proper will be expended to assist in the direction stated.

(4.)

(4.) Public School Teachers:—Mr. Rose asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that teachers of eighteen years' service are still on the 9th class salary, while teachers of less certificate are receiving 8th class salary?

Mr. Perry answered,—Yes; in some cases. It is due to two causes—(*a*) continued bad reports on the work of such long service teachers; (*b*) the promotion of a school as the result of increased attendance subsequent to the appointment of a teacher, such increase being often largely due to his efforts and efficiency.

(5.) Interest payable on Public Debt:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total amount of interest payable on the Public Debt, inclusive of Treasury Bills and Funded Stock issued in New South Wales, for the present financial year?
(2.) Similar information for the past financial year?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) £2,620,645,—as shown in the Estimates.
(2.) £2,540,624,—as shown in the Public Debts Statement, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on 29th October, 1902.

(6.) Construction of Stormwater Channels in and around Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In the construction of stormwater channels by the Government in and around Sydney and suburbs, will he state if the inhabitants—or municipalities—in the vicinity of such works contribute any rate, rental, or percentage on the amount of money that has been expended in the construction of these public works; if so, the amount received annually?
(2.) Will he furnish an estimate, or approximate estimate, of the amount of money that has been expended in the construction of stormwater channels in and around Sydney and suburbs up to the present date, and out of which fund, or Vote, such money has been expended?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes, the amount is considerable, but cannot be ascertained without considerable search, and, therefore, a return must be moved for if the information is required.
(2.) About £150,000 from special Sewerage Votes.

(7.) Construction of Weirs by the Government:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) The number of weirs that have been constructed by the Government in the county of Cumberland, and those that have been constructed throughout districts in the interior of the State up to the present date?
(2.) Is the Government in receipt of any revenue, rental, or percentage on the amount of money that has been expended in the construction of such public works; if so, how much?
(3.) The amount of money that has been expended in carrying out the construction of such works?
(4.) Is it a fact that the Government have declined to erect a weir at Manildra, county of Ashburnham, for which the money was voted by Parliament, unless the inhabitants give a guarantee of 4 per cent. on the outlay?
(5.) Is it a fact, owing to the failure of crops, heavy losses of stock, and the severity of the drought, that the inhabitants at Manildra are unable to guarantee the amount of percentage asked for?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Three in county of Cumberland, and twelve in country districts.
(2.) Yes, indirectly through water supply works; the amount cannot be given without considerable search.
(3.) About £90,000.
(4.) Yes, this weir must be carried out under Water and Drainage Bill.
(5.) No information on this subject has been supplied to the Department.

(8.) Resumption of Wharfage Property in Darling Harbour:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the amount of legal expenses or cost incurred by the Department of Public Works in defending the suit or application made in the Supreme Court, on the 30th October last, by one William Howard Smith and Sons Proprietary, Limited, for a writ of mandamus, directing the Secretary for Public Works to furnish a certain valuation to the claimants, who had sent in a claim for £250,000 in respect to the resumption of wharfage property by the Government in Darling Harbour, owing to the delay on the part of the Minister in furnishing them with the valuation which, under the Act, was necessary before they could sue?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Crown Solicitor informs me that the taxed costs paid amounted to £45 11s. 2d.

(9.) Revaluations made for Land Tax Purposes:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Approximately, how many revaluations have been made for land tax purposes during the past year?
(2.) Are all lands inspected by competent assessors before such valuations are adopted by the Crown; if not, what is the practice adopted in arriving at an equitable valuation?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) During the year 1902, approximately 50,000.
(2.) Yes, unless an assessor is already familiar with the land.

(10.) Agricultural Colleges:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What losses, if any, in the shape of stock, failure of crops, produce, &c., have the Hawkesbury Agricultural College and the various Model Farms established throughout the interior of the State suffered during the present drought?

(2.)

(2.) Has the Government been compelled, in consequence of the drought, to expend any money in keeping up these establishments, or have they been self-supporting; if so, to what extent?
(3.) Has any stock, produce, &c., been disposed of at these establishments during the present year; if so, the amount of money realised from the same?
(4.) Is it a fact that *Paspalum* grass, as alleged, has been proved at the Hawkesbury College to withstand any kind or quantity of dry weather?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be obtained and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(11.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Will he consider whether the Old-age Pensions Board has power under clause 9 to grant pensions to applicants who have resided, say, fifteen years in New South Wales and thirty years in Victoria, who are over the age of 65, and are not in any way disqualified?
(2.) If so, will he inquire as to the reason why the claims of persons so situated are not acceded to?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) In the absence of an agreement for reciprocity with Victoria, there is no power to grant such applicants pensions. This State is in correspondence with Victoria in regard to reciprocity.
(2.) See (1).

(12.) Water Reserve 73, 117 acres, on the Murrumbidgee River:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has Water Reserve 73, 117 acres, on the Murrumbidgee River, county Harden, parish Coolac, been revoked, and exchanged with P. J. O'Donnell; if so, what area of land has been surrendered for it to the Crown, and what is its character?
(2.) Does not this area of 117 acres comprise first-class agricultural land, which would readily have been taken up by settlers?
(3.) Did not the Local Land Board strenuously oppose the exchange referred to, and was not a petition in opposition presented by neighbouring settlers?
(4.) What length of river frontage did Mr. O'Donnell hold prior to the exchange referred to being effected?
(5.) Did not the 117 acres referred to comprise the only area possessing river frontage for miles in this locality; and was it not against the interests of all and sundry, save the applicant for the exchange, that the reserve should be revoked?
(6.) Has the exchange been completed; if not, will he give further consideration to the matter, and, in the interests of the settlers in the vicinity and of the general public, refuse to sanction such completion?

Mr. Crick answered,—
(1.) Water Reserve 73 has been revoked and partly sold, 20 acres along the frontage to the Murrumbidgee River has been contracted to be granted to Mr. P. J. O'Donnell by way of exchange for an equal area with similar frontage at the Gobarralong Bridge.
(2.) The areas for exchange were inspected and reported to be exactly similar in character of soil, viz., level, clear land, consisting of rich sandy loam.
(3.) The Land Board reported that the alienation of 20 acres of the frontage would spoil the reserve, but the Land Appeal Court (whose decision was in accord with local official opinion) recommended the exchange, as it came to be thought that the reserve was actually not necessary.
(4.) It cannot be stated exactly what amount of river frontage Mr. O'Donnell held prior to the exchange, but the extent of such frontage is not appreciably affected by the exchange.
(5.) There is another reserve less than a mile down the river, with 70 chains frontage. As regards the exchange, river frontage is being acquired by the Crown in a more suitable position as regards public convenience than that to be granted to Mr. O'Donnell, and it is intended to reserve such land for camping purposes. No evidence was given by any of the public before the Land Board against the exchange, which is regarded as an advantageous one in the public interests.
(6.) The exchange has received the Executive Council's approval, and there appears no sufficient grounds to reconsider the case, even were it legally admissible to do so.

(13.) Aboriginals receiving Rations from the Government, Rylstone:—Mr. Jessop asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many aboriginals are there in and about the Rylstone village who receive rations from the Government?
(2.) How many rations are served out to them?
(3.) How much per annum does it cost to provide for them?

Sir John See answered,—The Chairman of the Aborigines' Protection Board has furnished the following answers:—
(1.) Two adults and eight children.
(2.) A full ration of 8 lb. flour, 2 lb. sugar, and ¼ lb. tea to each adult, and a half ration to each child.
(3.) £26.

(14.) Bialla Exchange:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—Can he inform this House decidedly when the Byalla exchange will be open for people to take up?

Mr. Crick answered,—Action in regard to making the lands to be acquired by the Crown under the Bialla exchange available for settlement is delayed pending the Crown Solicitor's investigation of the surrenderer's title to some of the area, in connection with which a question has arisen. On receipt of an assurance that the title is clear, early action will be taken to complete the exchange, and make the land available for settlement. In view of the legal question that has arisen, I regret cannot fix the precise date when the lands will be available.

(15.)

(15.) Police Superannuation:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Police Superannuation Bill before the Session closes?

Sir John See answered,—Yes.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 5th November, 1902,—"Road, Currabubula to Tamworth, "Werris Creek or Duri to Tamworth."

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

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

(4.) Additional Regulation No. 43A, also Form No. 24, under the Rabbit Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Allowances paid to Jurors attending Coroners' Inquests.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 16th July, 1902,—"Officers transferred by the Public Service "Board."

(3.) Supplementary Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the condition of the s.s. "Balmain."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waverley, Mr. Jessep, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "Royal Commission recently appointed to enquire into the Mount Kembla disaster."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to trustees and trust property.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd *December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Jury (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Jury Act*, 1901, *and to validate certain jury lists*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd *December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

(3.) Statute of Limitations Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law with regard to the limitation of actions and suits*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd *December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

6. WINE ADULTERATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to prevent the adulteration of wine; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the adulteration of wine; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd *December*, 1902.

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7. LAND TAX (LEASES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 4 *DECEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

8. TRAVELLING STOCK BILL:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the travelling of stock and for the regulation of travelling stock; to provide reserves and driftways for such stock, and for the management, regulation, and improvement of such reserves and driftways; for the mustering, collecting, and driving of stock; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.
Question put and passed.

9. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at half-past Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Importation of Fodder:—*Mr. Chapman*, for Mr. Thomson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the value of fodder imported into this State from outside the Commonwealth during the last twelve months?
(2.) What was the amount of import duties collected on same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table returns (2) giving this information.

(2.) Conditional Purchase Inspectors:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the circumstances of conditional purchases inspectors whose districts are in drought-stricken places, and make provision to meet the increased price of horse-feed and other disabilities operating, or calculated to operate, against the expeditious discharge of duty on the part of inspectors?

Mr. Bennett answered,—Inquiry is being made, and the matter is before the Public Service Board. It has not to be overlooked that the question is a large one, as all field officers would probably ask for special consideration if any concession were made to any particular class of officers.

(3.) Public Service Board:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Reverting to Mr. Richards' Question of Thursday, 27th November, as to members of the Public Service Board and their probable reappointment in February next, will he state the respective ages of the gentlemen at present time?

Sir John See answered,—The following are the ages of the members of the Public Service Board:—Mr. G. A. Wilson, 57 years; Mr. Barling, 63 years; Mr. Delohery, 62 years.

(4.) Revenue Received from the Federal Government:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total amount received by this State from the Federal Government, returned as required by law, up to the 30th November last?
(2.) What was the total amount of this State's National Debt, including moneys received or made use of from all sources, on the 30th November last?
(3.) What was the total amount of interest which had to be paid on the debt, as described in Question 2, quarterly?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) £4,555,913 10s. 8d.
(2.) The total amount of the National Debt on 30th November, 1902, was ... £74,676,874

In addition, moneys have been used to meet the following overdrawn accounts, viz.:—

Consolidated Revenue Account	£1,013,667	
General Loan Account	3,605,862	
Expenses of Bubonic Plague...	11,559	
		4,631,088
Total indebtedness		£79,307,962

(3.) The only interest on the above payable quarterly is the interest on stock issued under the Act 36 Vic. No. 21, viz.:—£21,203 per annum, or £5,302 quarterly. With this exception, interest on the Public Debt is paid half-yearly.

Total annual interest on Public Debt proper	£2,634,079
Annual interest on moneys made use of	152,273
Total annual interest	£2,786,352

(5.) Duties on Breadstuffs and Fodder:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the event of the Commonwealth consenting to grant the suspension of the duties on breadstuffs and fodder for twelve months, contained in a series of resolutions recently passed by the State Parliament and submitted to the Federal Government, what will the suspended duties asked for amount to during the twelve months?

Sir John See answered,—From the 1st January to 31st July, 1902, £8,185; and for the period 1st July to 14th November, 1902, inclusive, £35,255 was collected on all feed-stuffs, which included grain and fodder. It is almost impossible to estimate what will be the amount of duty on fodder for the next twelve months; because I hope the bountiful rains we have had all over the country, which will probably be followed by further rains, will prevent the necessity of very large importations. I have received the following communication from the Government Statistician, which, with the permission of the House, I will read:—

"*Probable Customs Revenue from Imported Wheat.*

"The quantity of duty-paid wheat that will be imported into New South Wales during the next "year will depend upon what can be obtained from South Australia. A Victorian estimate of the "South Australian harvest, made a month ago, is as low as 6,000,000 bushels, but the *Advertiser*—"a very well informed paper—puts the crop at 8,000,000 bushels; and at that figure the surplus "available for export would be 3,700,000 bushels.

	bushels.
"New South Wales shortage is	6,400,000
"Other States	8,000,000
"Total	14,400,000
"South Australian surplus is	3,700,000
"Quantity required from abroad is	10,700,000

"If New South Wales and the other States import from South Australia proportionately to their "shortage, New South Wales would get 1,650,000 bushels from South Australia, 4,750,000 "bushels from abroad; total, 6,400,000 bushels. The duty on 4,750,000 bushels at 1s. 6d. per "cental would be £213,750."

(6.) Employment for Railway Men Out of Work:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, as rumoured, large numbers of railway men are to be discharged owing to fall of revenue, some employment may not be found for them in railway construction work?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that there is no intention at present of discharging any of the permanent men, but as regards men employed on temporary work, they always go off as the different temporary works cease, and this is what is happening now. The Commissioners assure me that any retrenchment that may be necessary will be carried out with as little suffering to the employees as possible. In any case where the Commissioners have to discharge men through works being completed, I shall represent their case to the Secretary for Public Works, with a view to prevent any serious distress.

(7.) Experimental Farm, West Bogan:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The Minister for Lands, in reply to Question No. 2, by Dr. Ross, on 2nd December, stated "That "about 15,000 acres of land that was lately cleared by the unemployed on West Bogan has since "been acquired by the Department of Mines and Agriculture as an Experimental Farm,"—in view of such resumption by the Department, will he state the amount of money that has been expended in bringing the Experimental Farm into operation, in the shape of buildings, agricultural implements, stock, fencing, cultivation, grain, &c., to the present date, irrespective of the amount expended in clearing the resumed area?

(2.) Since the establishment of the farm, has the present drought caused any extra expense in carrying on the work on the farm; if so, what is the amount?

(3.) Has any portion of the land been placed under cultivation; if so, the area, for what purpose, and at what expenditure?

(4.) The number of stock grazed or agisted on the farm, and number of hands employed in carrying on the work?

(5.) The total amount of money that has been expended since the farm was first established, and the amount of revenue received from the sale of stock or produce, &c.?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be obtained and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(8.) Exchange of Land on the Collaroy Company's Estate near Cassilis:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) On what date was application lodged for the exchange with the Government for Crown land of certain land on the Collaroy Company's estate, near Cassilis, and when was such exchange assented to by the Minister?

(2.) What stage has been reached in this matter, and when is it expected that the land surrendered by the Collaroy Company will be available for settlement purposes?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) The application was lodged on 17th December, 1895, and received final approval on 7th August, 1900.

(2.) Exchange has now been completed and disposal of the land is awaiting survey, after which the land will be made available for settlement.

(9.) Amending Fire Brigades Bill:—*Mr. Mackenzie*, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that on the 12th August last he gave this House his assurance that he would introduce the Amending Fire Brigades Bill during this Session?
(2.) Does he intend to carry out this promise?

Sir John See answered,—It was my intention to do so, but the pressure of other important matters has prevented it being done. I fully recognise the necessity of it, and will make it one of the chief measures for next Session.

(10.) Stamped Envelopes Issued to Members of Parliament:—Mr. Mackenzie asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take some action to provide against the abuse of the privilege enjoyed by Members of Parliament in connection with the use of stamped envelopes which are issued for the specific purpose of correspondence on public matters only?

Sir John See answered,—This is a question entirely for the good taste of Members.

(11.) Watering Gardens from the Water Supply:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that at the residences of several prominent citizens in the suburbs, notably Darling Point, Randwick, and Waverley, gardeners have been caught by Water and Sewerage Board officers using hoses for watering purposes, thus infringing the law relating to the use of water from the supply?
(2.) Have these law-breakers been proceeded against in the Courts; if not so, for what reason?
(3.) Will he consider whether these folk should still be permitted to use hoses with impunity, to supply gardens at a time when the utmost economy should be observed in regard to the use of water?

Sir John See answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished the following information:—At several residences in various suburbs which are supplied by meter, water has recently been used by hose for garden purposes against the expressed wish of the Board, and the water supply was promptly shut off in each case, this being considered the most effective method of enforcing economy. No actual infringement of the law has taken place in these cases because the supply is by meter. Several other persons, however, whose premises were not on meter and who consequently did infringe the law, have been prosecuted and fined. A double staff of inspectors is employed in all the suburbs to detect instances of garden watering, and the Board intend to continue the practice of promptly shutting off the supply as the best deterrent.

(12.) Interruption of Studies of Children in the Metropolitan Public Schools:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is he aware of the fact that for many weeks past the ordinary studies of pupils of the metropolitan Public Schools have been interrupted by preparations for the public display recently given at the Agricultural Society's Grounds; and does he know that a large number of parents are opposed to the sacrifice of their children's time at school for such a purpose?
(2.) If such entertainments are to be promoted in future, will he see that the time chosen for same is not midsummer, when children are prostrated by the intense heat, and rendered unfit by the laborious exercises through which they are put day after day for many weeks to centre their minds upon those matters which they are popularly supposed to be sent to school to study?

Mr. Perry answered,—
(1.) No complaints from parents have been made to this Department.
(2.) Three special displays only have been held, connected with the following worthy objects:—(*a*) the Patriotic Fund, May, 1900; (*b*) the Commonwealth Inauguration, January, 1901; (*c*) the Mount Kembla and Martinique Disasters, November, 1902. These functions were held, as they only could be, on dates to accord with the events they related to.

(13.) Sale of Allotments, Village of Brand, Long Bay:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the total amount of purchase money received for allotments sold on 27th June, 1899, village of Brand, Long Bay?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The total amount of purchase money paid and to be paid (exclusive of interest) for allotments within the village of Brand, sold at Sydney, 27th June, 1899, is £1,710 8s.

(14.) Post Office Savings Banks:—Mr. Coleman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that large sums of money are transmitted from one town to another per medium of the Post Office Savings Bank, at the expense of the State, in order to avoid paying bank exchange?
(2.) If the Government has to pay exchange on these amounts, will he take steps to prevent the practice being continued in the future?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) It is not a fact that large sums of money are transmitted from one town to another per medium of the Government Savings Bank in order to avoid paying bank exchange. Although a few instances of this being done have come to light, the regulation providing that no withdrawals can be made within ten days from date of first deposit sufficiently prevents any frequent occurrence of the practice.
(2.) The Government has not to pay exchange on these amounts.

(15.) Special Government Prizes for Collections of Timber:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having given the Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural Society a special prize of £25 for the best collection of local timbers, will he be prepared to make the same grant to all agricultural and kindred societies in districts noted for the possession and production of varied kinds of timber?

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Sir John See answered,—A sum of £500 only is provided on the Estimates for special prizes, and this amount will be divided among different societies for prizes for agriculture, stock, and other purposes. The prize in this particular instance becomes the property of the Government, and will be exhibited at other shows in the North Coast districts. Afterwards it will be sent to the Commercial Agent in London for exhibition there as a sample of the timber grown on the North Coast.

(16.) Steamers that Left this Port with Troops for South Africa:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many steamers left this port for South Africa with troops?
(2.) What was the name of each boat?
(3.) What amount of money was spent on each boat, fitting up the cooking arrangements?
(4.) Who did the work?
(5.) Was the work done by contract or done by day labour?
(6.) What amount was paid to each firm for contract work?
(7.) What amount was paid to each firm for day work?
(8.) What was the total paid to each firm?

Sir John See answered,—As it will take some considerable time to prepare this information, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way. I will expedite the matter in any way that I can.

(17.) Duties on Imports:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What action, if any, does the Government intend to take to contest the right of the Federal Government to collect duties on imports for State purposes?
(2.) Has the Attorney-General advised on this matter?
(3.) Will he ascertain what action the other States are taking on the same subject?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Proceedings against the Commonwealth Government for a refund of Customs duties imposed on State goods were commenced in the Supreme Court on the 5th November, 1902. The questions in dispute are being stated for the opinion of the Full Court in the form of a special case.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) This matter will receive consideration.

(18.) Sinking Fund established under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government paid the sum of £100,000 to the Sinking Fund established under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1901 to reduce the moneys obtained from the Government Savings Bank under that Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No.

(19.) Closing of the Session:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it the intention of the Government to close the business of this Session?
(2.) When does he propose to bring Parliament together for the Session of next year?
(3.) Will he say definitely if it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Constitution Convention Bill; and, if so, when?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) I hope to close the Session before Christmas.
(2.) The Parliament will be called together at such time as public business may demand, according to the usual practice.
(3.) I propose to introduce this measure immediately.

2 William Stafford, Ex-mounted Sergeant of Police:—Mr. John Hurley presented a Petition from William Stafford, representing that Petitioner has been wrongfully dismissed from the Police Force; that a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly reported in his favour, and such report was subsequently adopted; and praying for consideration of his case, and to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in reference thereto.
Petition received.

3. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. Daley, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) From certain storekeepers and others of Nine-mile.
(2.) From certain storekeepers and others of Nabiac.
(3.) From certain storekeepers and others of Tea Gardens.
(4.) From certain residents of Coolongolook.
Petitions received.

4. Papers:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report by Dr. Cobb on the Status of the question of Parasitising Insect Pests.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Public Service List for the year 1902.
(2.) Extract from Report of Police Magistrate, Coonamble, dated 17th November, 1902, with regard to certain remarks made in the Legislative Assembly on 30th October, 1902, respecting his action in having stayed at the house of a person who was complainant in a case heard before him, &c.
(3.) Question respecting Appeals under the Arbitration Act.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 28th November, 1902,—"Advertising Hoardings, Site of Central Railway Station."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-third Report from the Printing Committee.

6. MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain municipal loans and securities, and to amend the Municipal Loans Further Validating Act of 1897.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain municipal loans and securities, and to amend the Municipal Loans Further Validating Act of* 1897,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

7. PASTURES PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 4th December, 1902.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Poisons Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.

9. OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on this subject, was discharged, on motion of Mr. Carruthers.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The maladministration of justice in the conviction of Thomas Weekes, for stealing £2 worth "of goods."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (DISTRIBUTION) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of* 1902,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

12. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works.
Question put and passed.

13. MINERS' ACCIDENT RELIEF BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900; the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to give priority to certain debts on bankruptcy or winding-up.

Mr.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900; the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to give priority to certain debts on bankruptcy or winding-up.

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

(2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act*, 1900; *the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act*, 1901; *to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to give priority to certain debts on bankruptcy or winding up*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 5 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

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

(1.) Travelling Stock Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 169.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the travelling of stock and for the regulation of travelling stock; to provide reserves and driftways for such stock, and for the management, regulation, and improvement of such reserves and driftways; for the mustering, collecting, and driving of stock; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4*th December*, 1902.

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

(2.) Appraisement Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 170.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902 the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4*th December*, 1902.

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

The following Message was delivered by Sir John See:—

(3.) University and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 171.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the University and University Colleges Act*, 1900,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4*th December*, 1902.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Claim of the late Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., for an Amount of Salary short :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the claim of the late Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., for an amount of salary short, paid to him as Chief Justice, in the sum of £600, had been denied him by successive Governments for a period of eighteen years, was ultimately paid him in the sum of £1,140, which included interest to cover the period named?

(2.) Was the Statute of Limitations pleaded to bar the claim?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(2.) Case of H. W. Lane's Additional Conditional Purchase Application :—Mr. Willis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a leading article in the *Dubbo Despatch*, of the 26th November, relative to the decision of the Land Appeal Court in the case of H. W. Lane's additional conditional purchase application, wherein the Court held that the fact that Mr. Lane went as a soldier to South Africa was no reason for dispensing with the continuous residence clause of the Land Act?

(2.) Is he in accord with the view taken by the Land Appeal Court—that Mr. Lane had no legitimate business to go to South Africa at all at the call of King and Empire, and had no business to interfere in a quarrel between the Empire and the Boers?

(3.) Will he take steps to have the matter investigated, with a view to preventing the Land Appeal Court from penalising Mr. Lane for doing his duty to the Empire?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Land Appeal Court did not decide that Mr. Lane had no legitimate business to go to South Africa, or that he had no business to interfere in the Boer War; but I understand that the Court had before it a question of law under the Crown Lands Acts. It appears that Lane was absent from the State up to the 3rd June last, and that during his absence he applied through his agent for an additional conditional purchase and conditional lease. The Crown Lands Acts require that for the six months prior to his application, he should have been continuously resident on his selection. He was not so resident, and the Land Appeal Court could not see its way to interpret the law in his favour.

(3.) I understand the case is in the hands of my honorable colleague the Secretary for Lands.

(3.) Erection of Buildings on the Water Frontage, Circular Quay :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Sydney Harbour Trust, which is under his control, has erected buildings on the water frontage at Circular Quay in front of the "Paragon Hotel"?

(2.) Is he also aware that when the land upon which the "Paragon Hotel" is erected was sold, it was understood at the sale that there should be no interruption of the view of the water?

(3.) Is he also aware of the fact that when Mr. Lord was Treasurer, Mr. T. Chester, stevedore, sought to erect sheds on the water frontage, but on the representations of the late Anthony Hordern and Alexander Gilchrist the buildings were stopped and demolished?

(4.) In view of the great hardship, loss, and depreciation caused by the present buildings erected by the Harbour Trust, will he take immediate steps to have the same removed and so keep faith with the compact made at the original sale?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust have furnished the following information :—

(1.) Yes, to accommodate passengers travelling by boat to Milson's Point, Lavender Bay, McMahon's Point, Neutral Bay, and Mosman's Bay.

(2 and 3.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners are not aware that any arrangements of this nature were made.

(4.) This cannot be done, but if any breach of conditions as regards the sale of land on which the "Paragon Hotel" is built has taken place, it is a matter for compensation.

(4.) Railway into the Town of Walgett :—Mr. Willis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to carry out his repeated promises to take the railway into the township of Walgett; if so, when?

(2.) Have instructions been given to form station and trucking yards at the 2-miles point outside of Walgett; if so, will he consider whether such work would not be useless in the event of the railway being taken, as promised, into Walgett?

(3.) Is he aware of the serious loss which will be entailed upon residents who have invested their savings in the town of Walgett in the event of the railway terminus not being made in the town?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The Railway Act does not provide for an extension into Walgett, but I intend to take the necessary steps to have it there, according to promise.

(2.) Yes; the line cannot be worked without proper station accommodation at the terminus. If the terminus is altered, the rails and buildings can be removed.

(3.) I will submit the matter to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity, with a view to ascertaining what can be done to assist the people of Walgett in the direction they seek.

(5.) Old Berrigan and Ringwood Estates :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is the Old Berrigan Estate freehold or conditional purchases; if the former, when was it purchased, and how—by auction sale, or by what means?

(2.) What was the purchase price paid per acre, and total amount?

(3.) Can he state what is the value at present of this estate, without the improvements?

(4.) Can he state what is its value per acre, as charged under the land and income tax by the Commissioners?

(5.) The same Questions as above in connection with the Ringwood Estate?

Mr.

Mr. Crick answered,—

Old Berrigan.

(1 and 2.) I cannot answer these Questions on such short notice.
(3.) About £60,538 (£3 10s. per acre as appraised by the Local Land Board).
(4.) £2 per acre.

Ringwood.

(1 and 2.) I cannot answer these Questions on such short notice.
(3.) About £100,000 (£3 15s. per acre as appraised by the Local Land Board).
(4.) £1 5s. per acre.

(6.) Lake George:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What is supposed to be the total acreage of Lake George?
(2.) Is Lake George dry at present?
(3.) Is any of Lake George leased at present; if so, to whom and on what terms, and at what rental per acre?
(4.) What is the acreage of Lake George that is leased, and what is the total rental paid per annum for the portion leased?
(5.) Are the total annual rents paid; if not, what amount is still due by the lessees?
(6.) Are these leases liable to be revoked at any time by the Government?

Mr. Crick answered,—
(1.) About 30,000 acres.
(2.) I understand it is.
(3, 4, and 5.) Annual leases, covering 25,400 acres, have been granted at a total rent of £312 11s. 6d. per annum.
(6.) They run to 31st December, and are terminable on three months' notice before that date.

(7.) Work for the Unemployed:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In view of the fact that while some thousands of workless men have applied for relief work, and that only a very small percentage has been sent to work, will he see if something cannot be done to expedite the present mode of dealing with this question, instead of by the slow progress and circumlocution at present in vogue, as, judging from a personal visit to the Department, it would seem that Christmas will come before many of the men can get any work?
(2.) Is it a fact that men who are sent up the line are graded at 6s. per day, and although they have not a shilling in their possession to procure anything, they are required to procure a tent and rations to keep themselves while away?
(3.) As, from Mr. Whiddon's personal knowledge, many of these men have a wife and children, with nothing to sustain them while their husbands are away, will he take such steps as shall provide for these people so placed to tide them over their present urgent needs?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Steps have already been taken to relieve heads of families, and others are now being provided for on the parks, &c. When more money is available I will be enabled to give more employment.
(2.) Men are graded on the works by the Officer-in-Charge—7s., 6s., and 5s. per diem, according to capability. No advances, except railway fares, are made on these works, nor are men required by the Department to provide anything. Most of the works are adjacent to Sydney.
(3.) All cases of distress for want of food are being relieved by the issue of rations, and I am doing all that is possible at present to help unfortunate men to obtain some temporary employment, to tide them over their present difficulties.

(8.) Dust on the Tram Lines in Cleveland-street:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In view of the continuous nuisance caused by the clouds of dust on the tram lines in Cleveland-street, owing to the almost incessant traffic, will he confer with the Tramway Authorities with the view of endeavouring to abate, or at least minimise, this very great nuisance to the residents and shopkeepers of this busy thoroughfare?
(2.) As no attempt has been made to have this street wood-blocked, and the use of oil has proved very successful in certain streets of the city that are not wood-blocked, will he suggest to the Tramway Authorities the necessity of using this method, or endeavour to make some arrangement with the Sydney Municipal Council, with the view of putting a stop to the intolerable dust nuisance in this street?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) As the Honorable Member is aware, the difficulty is largely due to the shortness of the water supply, but the Commissioners are doing the best with the salt water which is obtainable.
(2.) Regarding the use of oil: this has had the consideration of the Commissioners, but it could not be economically adopted.

(9.) Payments of Instalments, Interest, and Rents:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) The number of cases of selectors, &c., who have made application to the Department for the suspension of payment of instalment, interest, and rent, owing to failure of crops and the severity of the drought, on their conditional purchases, homestead selections, &c., for a period of twelve months?
(2.) The number that has been granted?
(3.) The number still under consideration?

Mr. Crick answered,—It will take a little time to collect this information, but when collected it will be supplied to the Honorable Member.

(10.) Advances to Settlers:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) The number of applications that are at present under consideration by the Advance to Settlers Board from conditional purchases, homestead selections, &c., and the total amount asked for?
(2.) The amount granted up to the present date, and number of applications that have been granted?

Mr. Crick answered,—
(1.) Six hundred and twenty-seven, embracing applications amounting to £135,679.
(2.) Three thousand seven hundred and eighty, representing £333,539 18s. 3d. The Honorable Member will see that we have treated them pretty liberally.

(11.) Proposed Railway Extension between Cowra and Gregra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have the plotting of the plans of the survey of the proposed railway extension between Cowra and Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, yet been completed?
(2.) Will he have the plans submitted to Parliament, and the work referred to the Public Works Committee and Railway Commissioners for their report before the Session closes?
(3.) Is he aware that the Department has taken something like two years to complete the survey of this proposed railway extension, a distance of about 50 miles?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) They are completed sufficiently for the estimate to be prepared.
(2.) It would be impossible to do so, as the Railway Commissioners' report could not be obtained in the time available.
(3.) This is not the case, because there are two distinct surveys included in the 50 miles, viz.:—Cowra to Canowindra, which was commenced on 7th November, 1899, and finished 28th February, 1900; Gregra to Canowindra, which was commenced 21st November, 1901, and completed 9th October, 1902.

(12.) Relief in the Drought-stricken Districts:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that a Public School Concert is to be held on the 10th instant in the Town Hall, Sydney, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the West Indies Disaster Fund?
(2.) In view of the widespread distress that at present prevails in drought-stricken districts throughout the interior of the State, will the Government take into consideration the urgent necessity to see that steps are taken to raise public funds for the relief and support of those of our own suffering citizens and families who, owing to the drought, have suffered dire distress, bordering almost on the brink of ruin and starvation, in place of sending our money away for the relief of others in a foreign land?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) In common with other countries, Australia is fulfilling her part towards obtaining funds to relieve the distress caused by the awful calamity in the West Indies. The school concert in the Town Hall is the result of spontaneous action on the part of the teachers and children concerned, and there is therefore no call for me to interfere in the matter.

(13.) Old-age Pensions:—Mr. Nicholson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) In view of the fact that certain old-age pensioners have to travel 15 miles (from Miranda to Redfern) in order to draw their pensions, will he make those pensions payable at the Post Office, Sutherland?
(2.) And will he also make like arrangements in other districts where similar conditions obtain, in accordance with a promise given to this House last Session?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Pensions have been payable at Sutherland since September, last year. No application for payment there has been refused. It is not usual to change a place of payment unless the pensioner asks for the change. Many suburban pensioners prefer to come into Sydney for payment. If the pensioners referred to prefer payment at Sutherland, the law provides that they may apply to the District Board, who have power to make the change.
(2.) Every facility consistent with the provisions of the Old-age Pensions Act is given for payment. Pensioners can be paid at any Money Order Office. At present pensions are paid at 540 centres.

(14.) Police Superintendent Sutherland:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How long has Superintendent Sutherland been in the Police?
(2.) What are the dates of his promotion?
(3.) Were there any inspectors senior to him at the time of his appointment?
(4.) How many years did he spend in street duty and control of men?
(5.) Does he consider that this case is a proof of the proposition that promotion is quicker in the Clerical Division?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—
(1.) Thirty years.
(2.) Constable, 1st class, 1st January, 1874; senior-constable, 1st May, 1878; sergeant, 2nd class, 1st December, 1880; sergeant, 1st class, 1st November, 1883; acting sub-inspector, 19th February, 1889; sub-inspector, 2nd class, 1st February, 1891; sub-inspector, 1st class, 1st July, 1897; inspector, 3rd January, 1901; acting superintendent, 10th December, 1902.
(3.) Yes.
(4.) He had control of men since his first promotion.
(5.) No.

(15.) Artesian Water in the State:—Mr. Quinn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What was the date of the discovery of the existence of artesian water in this State?
(2.) Where was the artesian supply first tapped, and by whom?
(3.) How many wells are there now in the State?
(4.) Is it intended to make public the report by Mr. Boultbee on artesian wells in the United States, and when will the report be available?
(5.) Will he have an exhaustive analysis of the artesian water made, in order to test its suitability for irrigation?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) In 1880.
(2.) On the Killara Pastoral Holding; by the owners, Messrs. Officer Brothers.
(3.) About 260, including private bores.
(4.) Mr. Boulthee's report is now in the hands of the printer, and will be published shortly.
(5.) An analysis of the water from each bore sunk by the Government is always obtained.

(16.) Arrears Due by Selectors:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Referring to Mr. Rose's Question asking that arrears due by selectors be spread over the whole period in which they have to pay the balance of purchase-money due to the Crown, and the Minister's reply that application could be made to the Advances to Settlers Board, will he state in what way the Advances to Settlers Board can come to the relief of men who have already either mortgaged their holdings to financial institutions or whose improvements are not sufficient security to meet their obligations to the Crown?
(2.) Even in cases where the annual payment represents interest as well as part payment of principal, what difficulty is in the way of distributing arrears of such payment over the statutory period of years allotted for paying off balances due to the Crown?

Mr. Crick answered,—The Honorable Member refers to cases where the responsibility seems to rest on the mortgagee to keep his security alive for his own protection and where the State is asked for assistance under disadvantageous circumstances. The matter will, however, be dealt with in the new Land Bill.

(17.) Seed Wheat:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Is he aware that seed wheat, to be a success in New South Wales, must be acclimatised?
(2.) Has any action yet been taken by him to obtain a report of the available locally-grown supply for Government purchase?

Mr. Kidd answered,—
(1.) It is not absolutely necessary that seed be acclimatised to ensure successful yields, but acclimatised seed is considered most advisable, while a change of seed from another part frequently results in excellent yields.
(2.) Inquiries are being made.

(18.) Road Vote:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In consideration of the fact that the Road Vote has been cut down by £110,000, will the whole of the reduced amount voted by Parliament be expended this year?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is an error to suppose that the Road Vote has been cut down by £140,000. The sum last year included roads, public watering places, and artesian wells, the whole of which absorbed more than £100,000. This year most of these works will be provided for under the Water and Drainage Act, and therefore the £600,000 to be spent upon roads will be almost the same amount as was spent last year.

(19.) Abolition of School Fees:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—With the shrinkage of revenue shown by last month's returns, is it still his intention to redeem his promise made to the Political Labour League and enact legislation to abolish school fees from 1904?

Sir John See answered,—This matter is now before the House.

(20.) Retirement of an Officer named Macfarlane (Botanic Gardens):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Was an officer named Macfarlane, employed at the Botanic Gardens, retired some years since from the Service; and, if so, on what pension?
(2.) Is the same gentleman now employed by the Harbour Trust; if so, in what capacity, and at what salary?

Sir John See answered,—There is no "Macfarlane" on the Pension List, but there is a pensioner, "J. McLachlan," who was retired from Botanic Gardens on pension at rate of £114 11s. per annum, and who is now employed under Sydney Harbour Trust as Collector at £150 per annum.

(21.) Blue Metal Spalls:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Were tenders invited for the supply of blue metal spalls now being used by the Works Department on the roads in the Eastern Suburbs?
(2.) If not, what arrangements have been made with the parties who are supplying the spalls from Kiama?
(3.) Is it a fact that the metal spalls are costing 3s. 6d. per cubic yard, hand-broken, as against 10d. by machinery?
(4.) What do the spalls, hand-broken, cost as against tenders that have been accepted for machine-broken spawls?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Quotations were asked for from all blue metal merchants, and the lowest accepted.
(2.) No spalls are being supplied from Kiama.
(3.) Spalls cost 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. to break. I have no return of the cost of breaking by machinery.
(4.) Cost of hand-broken spalls, 11s. 3d. to 12s.; cost of machine broken metal by contract on road, 7s. 9d. (contract 12/02-3) to 12s. 1d. (contract, 23/01-2).

(22.) Matrimonial Agencies:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been directed to certain remarks made by Mr. Justice Simpson, in the Divorce Court on Wednesday last, relating to "matrimonial agencies"?
(2.) Is he aware that the learned Judge called attention to the extraordinary number of marriages, in which dissolutions were applied for at the present sittings of the Court, which had taken place at these "agencies"?

(3.)

(3.) Is he aware that His Honor expressed the hope that by thus calling public attention to this fact an amendment of the law might be brought about?
(4.) Will he consider the advisableness of acting on the suggestion of the learned Judge by introducing legislation to regulate these matrimonial agencies; or, if not, will he afford facilities for so doing to a private Member of this House?

Sir John See answered,—
(1, 2, and 3.) My attention has not been directed to these remarks.
(4.) An alteration in the law is needed; but it will be impossible, in the present state of public business, to introduce a Bill dealing with the subject.

(23.) Right to Frank Letters by Members of Parliament:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Scott, Secretary to the Postal Department, has publicly expressed the opinion that since 1st November, when the Federal Postal Act came into force, no Member of the State Parliament in New South Wales has had the right to frank any letter?
(2.) Will he take the opinion of the Attorney-General in this matter?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) I am not aware of any such statement being made.
(2.) I will consult my honorable colleague, the Attorney-General, in the matter.

(24.) Federal Capital Site:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he had any correspondence with the Federal Government during the past six months in relation to the Federal Capital site?
(2.) If so, has he any objection to laying such correspondence upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—I have some papers on the subject which I propose to lay upon the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members. I will do so later on.

(25.) Blocks of Land at Lilyville:—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many applications for blocks of land at Lilyville have been granted up to date?

Mr. Crick answered,—Thirteen.

(26.) Appointment of a Public Trustee:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Did not a Government officer (Mr. Garrett) some time since officially visit New Zealand for the purpose of making inquiry into the effect there of the appointment of a Public Trustee; if so, was the report furnished by Mr. Garrett on his return favourable to the initiation of the same system here; and, assuming that it was, when does he propose to take steps to appoint such an officer?
(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House Mr. Garrett's report?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes; and his report was in favour of the appointment of a Public Trustee. Such an appointment could not be made without an alteration of the law.
(2.) Yes.

(27.) Duties on Fodder and Foodstuffs:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—What action does the Government now propose to take in reference to the duties on fodder and foodstuffs, in view of the reply received from the Federal Government to the resolution of this House?

Sir John See answered,—I propose to make a statement shortly.

3. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by Mr. MacMahon, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—
(1.) From certain storekeepers and others of Walcha.
(2.) From R. J. Louis, storekeeper, Glen Morrison.
Petitions received.

4. Papers:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-law of the Borough of Randwick.
(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Manly.
(3.) Statement showing Mortality of State Children and Children in Infants' Homes.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(4.) Further correspondence respecting Federal Capital Site.
Ordered to be printed.

5. Ministerial Statement:—Sir John See, referring to Mr. Carruthers' Question, No. 29, on the Notice Paper for to-day, relating to the duties on fodder and foodstuffs, informed the House of the action intended to be taken by the Government in relation thereto.
Mr. Carruthers also addressed the House.

6. Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill, entitled "Lands Act Amendment "Bill of 1902," to so amend the present Acts as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to extend the term of settlement leases; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

7. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Crick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1902.

8. MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

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

9. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works.

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

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. TRAVELLING STOCK BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the travelling of stock and for the regulation of travelling stock; to provide reserves and driftways for such stock, and for the management, regulation, and improvement of such reserves and driftways; for the mustering, collecting, and driving of stock; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the travelling of stock and for the regulation of travelling stock; to provide reserves and driftways for such stock, and for the management, regulation, and improvement of such reserves and driftways; for the mustering, collecting, and driving of stock; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the travelling of stock and for the regulation of travelling stock; to provide reserves and driftways for such stock, and for the management, regulation, and improvement of such reserves and driftways; for the mustering, collecting, and driving of stock; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects,*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. APPRAISEMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

ELECTORATE OF BALMAIN SOUTH:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 18th November, 1902, declaring the Seat of Sydney James Law, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Law; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Sydney James Law, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Balmain South.

2. WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 172.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the annual expenditure of* £200,000, *for a period of five years, on works of water supply, water conservation, or irrigation, and of drainage; for the constitution of trusts to administer the same in certain cases; and to authorise the raising of the said sums by loans,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent; His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
State Government House,
Sydney, 5th December, 1902.

3. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1902–1903:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 173.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the financial year ending 30th June, 1903.
State Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1902.

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

4. LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1902–1903:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 174.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1902–1903, proposed to be provided for by Loan.
State Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1902.

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

5. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Dr. Beattie, Medical Superintendent at Liverpool Asylum:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What salary is drawn by Dr. Beattie, Medical Superintendent at Liverpool Asylum?

(2.) What leave did Dr. Beattie obtain during the early part of the present year to visit Great Britain; and what expenses were allowed him for attending a Tuberculosis Conference whilst away?

(3.) What is the value of the report submitted by Dr. Beattie on his return?

(4.) Has Dr. Beattie recently obtained leave of absence to enable him to visit India; does he draw full pay whilst absent; and has any officer been appointed to act in his stead at Liverpool Asylum?

(5.) How many inmates are there at Liverpool Asylum; how many of these are consumptives; and how many medical officers are attached to the institution?

(6.) When does the Government propose to adopt the report of the Convention which recommended the immediate erection of buildings for consumptive patients, to take the place of the foul and disease-saturated structures which at present stand at Liverpool, a menace to the health of the whole community?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) £600.

(2.) Nil this year. He had leave for six months last year to attend the Tuberculosis Conference, and was paid the sum of £115 towards his expenses.

(3.) The report has been laid upon the Table of this House.

(4.) Dr. Beattie obtained ten weeks' sick leave of absence on full pay under medical certificate. He has upwards of twenty-five years' service, and has not exceeded the leave to which he is legally entitled under the Public Service Act and Regulations. Dr. Pirie acts for him in his absence.

(5.) There are 698 inmates, 119 of whom are consumptives. One medical officer is attached to the institution.

(6.) This matter is under consideration.

(2.) Females Engaged on the Railways:—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are females engaged on some of the railway stations of New South Wales?

(2.) If so, what are their duties?

(3.) Do they get the pay allowed to men?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The duties are chiefly confined to attending to the less important level crossing gates throughout the lines. In some cases they attend to platforms, the work consisting of keeping the platforms and premises clean, taking care of parcels or other traffic, and in a few instances tickets are issued.

(3.) They are paid in accordance with the work they have to do.

(3.) Case against John Brown and John Smith, Picton Court:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that two men, John Brown and John Smith, charged with travelling on the railway without a railway ticket, were twice remanded at Picton, after having asked to be sent to where there was a Police Magistrate who could deal with their case?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Bench said they had no power to send these men to the nearest place where there was a Police Magistrate, and refused them bail on account of their being strangers in the district, thereby keeping them in gaol for a considerable time?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to stop such a disgraceful thing as men being imprisoned without trial by allowing honorary Magistrates to adjudicate under the Railway Act?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have ascertained that two men named John Brown and John Jones were brought before the Picton Bench on the 26th ultimo, charged with the offence named, and were remanded to the 28th idem for the attendance of the Police Magistrate, Penrith, on which date they were again remanded to the 3rd instant for the same purpose. On the second remand one of the offenders asked the Bench to remand them to a place where there was a Police Magistrate, when the Bench stated they had no power to do so, but granted bail if they could find sureties. This, however, they were unable to do. On the 3rd instant the Police Magistrate, Penrith, attended at Picton and dealt with the cases, the offenders pleading guilty to the charge. The Police Magistrate has reported that, owing to the pressure of his official duties, he could not possibly attend at Picton on an earlier date.

(3.) An amendment of the Act is desirable.

(4.) Relief in the Drought-stricken Districts:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) As the Government has given Parliament the assurance that it has done everything in the way of alleviating the wide-spread distress that at present prevails throughout the State through the drought, will he, for the information of the general public, inform Parliament the amount of money granted in the way of relief to suffering families throughout the interior of the State, and the number of cases that have been relieved?

(2.) If the Government has not granted relief in the shape of money, will he state in what way suffering and distressed families, in the face of failure of crops and scarcity of works, have been relieved?

(3.) The number of public works that are at present being carried out for the relief of distressed families, and the amount that has been expended in carrying on such public works, and what they consist of?

Sir

Sir John See answered,—The total number of works at present being carried out which have been arranged through the Metropolitan Roads District Officer is fifty-two, at a total estimated cost of £27,502, consisting chiefly of Roads and Drainage Works. All cases of distress are relieved with the least possible delay when made known to the Department.

(5.) Advances to Settlers:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What is the reason selectors and others are compelled to deposit the sum of £2 when sending in an application for assistance from the Advances to Settlers Board?
(2.) Is the deposit money returned after the application has been dealt with; or what becomes of it?

Mr. Hayes answered,—
(1.) To cover costs incidental to dealing with the application such as inspection, &c.
(2.) Not if the cost of inspection has been incurred, but in the event of an application being refused without the cost of inspection having been incurred the deposit is refunded.

(6.) Issue of Hawkers' Licenses to Asiatic Aliens:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he noticed in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of 28th October, a paragraph from the Warwick Municipal Council, headed:—"Repressing Alien Hawkers.—The Home Secretary's Department is "now sending out a circular to Magistrates in various centres on the subject of the issue of "hawkers' licenses to Asiatic aliens, asking them to refrain from issuing licenses to any Asiatic "or African aliens, even if they had held licenses during the season 1902. This will not apply to "naturalized British subjects of Asiatic or African origin"?
(2.) Will he give similar instructions to the Magistrates in this State?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) A Bill has been prepared dealing with this question.

(7.) Sheep on the Mining Reserve, Inverell Electorate:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is he aware of the great hardship now being suffered by the tin-miners in the Inverell Electorate, owing to sheep from the drought-stricken districts being depastured on the mining reserve, eating out the only grass available to the miners' necessary stock, and destroying water required for domestic purposes?
(2.) Did the Mines Department, in compliance with a request contained in a petition from the miners, recommend that annual leases and occupation licenses held over Tingha Gold-field Reserve should be cancelled?
(3.) Has that recommendation yet received consideration by the Lands Department?
(4.) If so, what was the decision arrived at?
(5.) Is there any probability of immediate relief in the direction asked by the miners being afforded by the Lands Department?

Mr. Hayes answered,—
(1.) Statements to this effect were made in a petition to the Mines Department, forwarded on 14th April last.
(2.) Yes.
(3, 4, and 5.) Yes; and it was decided to cancel the annual leases within the Tingha population area. Notice of cancellation was published in the *Government Gazette* of 13th September, and such cancellation will take effect on 31st instant. The petitioners were, on 16th October last, informed of the decision by the Mines Department. There is no provision in the law for the cancellation of an occupation license. Land can be withdrawn, but only for a public purpose.

(8.) Tramway, Balmain to Drummoyne:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the cause of the delay in opening the section of tramway, Balmain to Drummoyne?
(2.) Will the matter of making the line available for traffic be considered at once?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—So far as my Department is concerned, everything is ready, but I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have still to put in the junction with the existing line at Balmain, which, it is understood, can be done in less than a week. I may also add that I had a conference with the Railway Commissioners to-day with reference to the bridge, and the matter has now been satisfactorily settled.

(9.) Dredging and Constructing Harbour Works on the Northern Rivers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total amount expended to date in the matter of dredging and constructing harbour works on the following rivers respectively:—(*a*) Clarence; (*b*) Richmond; (*c*) Tweed; (*d*) Hastings; (*e*) Manning; (*f*) Macleay?
(2.) What amount is estimated to be needed to complete harbour works, and what annual expenditure will be incurred in keeping channels clean in the case of each of the above rivers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return which will answer these Questions.

(10.) Irrigation Colony at Wentworth:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What has been the cost to date of the irrigation colony at Wentworth, and has it been decided to abandon the experiment?
(2.) If so, what is the reason for such abandonment?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The cost to date has been £7,256 9s. 7d. No.
(2.) It is not proposed to abandon the settlement, but to lease the whole area of 10,000 acres in one lot by tender, the reason being the paucity of applicants for small blocks, and the consequent cost of up-keep largely exceeding return.

(11.) Road Vote:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he examine the Schedules for Roads, 1901–2 and 1902-3, and then say whether the reply given to Mr. Rose's Question, No. 20, on Friday, 5th December, is correct or not?
(2.) Will he particularly look at the Yass Road District on the two Schedules, and then inform this House whether every road in that district is not cut down for 1902–3, and by how much?
(3.) Will he for the future see that replies to Questions are given correctly?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the answer I gave on the 5th instant, which is absolutely correct.

(12.) Providing Work for the Unemployed:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it not a fact that in the Goulburn District and adjacent centres nothing is being done to assist their local unemployed, while Labour Commissioners are providing Christmas work for the Sydney unemployed?
(2.) Is this policy to be continued of making special arrangements for Sydney unemployed, while nothing is being done for destitute persons 100 miles from Sydney?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No, I have given instructions, in order to provide work for the unemployed in the Goulburn and other districts where distress prevails, that all road works are to be carried out by day labour instead of by contract for the present, in order that relief may be given.
(2.) I am doing everything possible to alleviate those in distress, whether belonging to town or country. I may say that, as far as I know, there is a great deal more distress in the country districts just now than in the city.

6. Poisons Act:—Mr. Willis presented a Petition from certain storekeepers and others of Walgett, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines.
Petition received.

7. Papers:—
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return showing Value of Fodder imported into New South Wales from Countries beyond the Commonwealth from 1st October, 1901, to 30th September, 1902.
(2.) Return showing Duty Collected on Fodder imported into New South Wales from 9th October, 1901, to 30th September, 1902; from 1st to 31st October, 1902; and from 1st to 21st November, 1902.
(3.) Return to an Order, made on 20th November, 1902,—"Garbage Tip between Wellington and "Ocean Streets, Bondi."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return relating to Expenditure to 30th November, 1902, on the Clarence, Richmond, Tweed, Hastings, Manning, and Macleay Rivers; also, Estimated Annual Expenditure in keeping the Channels clean.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. Proposed Government Alignment of Flood-street, Leichhardt:—Mr. Hawthorne, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceeding of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 28th November, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.

9. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday next.
(2.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday next.
(3.) Stage-carriages Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stage-carriages Act of 1899. [*Mr. Nielsen*];—until Thursday next.
(4.) North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Frank Farnell*];—until To-morrow.

10. Adjournment:—
(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Moree, Mr. Webster, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "That in view of the resolutions "adopted by the recent Conference, and endorsed by this House, the Minister for Works should "at once proceed with the water-conservation and other works in order to give early relief to "distressed settlers."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Webster moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this subject had been discussed by the House within the last month, and could not be again entered upon.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said that as this motion, if permitted, would originate a Debate such as that which had recently taken place, he must rule it out of order.

(2.) Mr. Haynes then moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (*d*) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 28.	Noes, 49.	
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hegue,	Sir John See,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Fullick,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Jones,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Eden George.
Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Tellers,	Mr. Thomson,	
	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. O'Conor.	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. Wages for Railway and Tramway Employees and Police:—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the minimum rate of wages for railway and tramway employees and police should be "7"s. a day.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the figure "7" and inserting the figure "8",—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the figure proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902.

12. Municipal Loans Validating Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate certain municipal loans and securities, and to amend the Municipal Loans Further Validating Act of* 1897."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain municipal loans and securities, and to amend the Municipal Loans Further Validating Act of* 1897,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1902.

13. Member Sworn:—Sydney James Law, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Balmain South.

14. Treasury Bills Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative.*
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

15. Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.			Noes, 4.
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Dight,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McGowen.	
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Sleath,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,		
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. McFarlane.	
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Edden,		
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Donaldson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

16. Richmond Bridge Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at a quarter past Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

MUNICIPALITIES RELIEF BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor*. — *Message No.* 175.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, kerbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths.

State Government House,
Sydney, 10*th December*, 1902.

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Duties Imposed on Agricultural Produce:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of Customs revenue was received last month from duties imposed on agricultural produce in excess of the amount received for the corresponding month of the previous year?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

(2.) Appointment of Mr. Barr as Clerk of Works:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a person of the name of Barr has recently been appointed to the position of Clerk of Works in the State Works Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that the said Mr. Barr, since his appointment, has, during his office hours, been engaged from time to time supervising repairs to the roof of St. Mary's Cathedral; if so, is such done with the consent and knowledge of the Government?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Mr. Barr has, until recently, been engaged as Clerk of Works at Darlinghurst Court-house, and is now acting in a similar position at the North Shore Hospital.

(2.) I do not believe the statement is true; at all events, no such fact has come to the knowledge of the Department, nor would consent be given for anyone so employed to act on private works during an official engagement.

(3.) Road Votes:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that on the Road Schedules for 1901-2 and 1902-3 the following Road Votes are given as follows:—

	For 1901-2.	For 1902-3.	Reduction for 1902-3.
Campbelltown	£6,570	£5,120	£1,450
Cooma	7,980	6,100	1,880
Braidwood	4,530	3,650	880
Queanbeyan	3,670	2,970	700
Crookwell	4,540	3,570	970
Yass	5,870	4,720	1,150

(2.)

(2.) Is it not a fact on the first page of the Schedule for 1902–3 the following appears:—"A." Roads and Bridges, Public Watering Places, and Artesian Boring, 1901–2, £740,000; and 1902–3, £600,000?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the examples given in the first Question bears out the statement that the reduction is to be made of the £140,000, notwithstanding the reply given to Mr. Rose's Question on Friday, 5th December?

(4.) Will he give his assurance that the whole of the £600,000 will be expended on roads and bridges only, before the 30th June, 1903?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes, with one or two trifling exceptions.

(2.) If the Honorable Member is quoting from the Schedule laid upon the Table, he will know the figures as well as I do. The fact that Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring has remained upon the Estimate does not make it imperative to spend the money upon these works, which are now provided for under the Water and Drainage Act. £600,000 will be devoted to roads.

(3.) I must again refer the Honorable Member to my reply of the 5th instant.

(4.) The Vote will be expended in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Act.

(4.) Sale of Allotments in the Village of Brande:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—What was the total amount of the sale of allotments in the village of Brande, sold on behalf of the Government, on the 27th June, 1899?

Mr. Bennett answered,—My honorable colleague invites the Honorable Member's attention to his reply to his Question of the 4th instant. I may mention that forty-five lots were sold.

(5.) Government Expenditure in King Division:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total amount of Government expenditure, in the shape of roads, trams, and public buildings, in King Division, from the 3rd July, 1901, to 1st December, 1902?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can better be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) Imperial Pensions:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid by the Government as commission on Imperial Pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Sir John See answered,—I presume the Honorable Member wishes to know the amount received by the Government for this service. If so, it is £619 18s. 8d.

(7.) Influx of Chinese:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been received by the Government, under the Influx of Chinese Restriction Act, for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Sir John See answered,—£800. Refunds were, however, made during the year to the amount of £200.

(8.) Sutherland and Fitzroy Docks:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount was received by the Government for docking vessels at Sutherland and Fitzroy Docks for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£7,191 8s. 11d.

(9.) Mr. Lawrence Foley's Position in the Public Works Department:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the particular nature of Mr. Lawrence Foley's work in connection with the Works Department?

(2.) Is he employed regularly, and when was his first appointment made?

(3.) What salary or remuneration does he receive from the Government; is it weekly, monthly, or yearly?

(4.) Is his position considered a permanent one by the Government?

(5.) Are any of his duties connected with the new Central railway station; if so, what is the nature of those duties?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Mr. Foley is a thorough and well-recognised expert in demolishing old buildings, and his services are occasionally in requisition for this purpose. It is generally admitted by those best qualified to judge that he is quite a specialist in this direction, and moreover, besides being practical, he is thoroughly capable for the work the Department requires him to carry out, or he would not be so employed, and is besides a straightforward and honorable man.

(2.) No; only when occasions demand the necessity for his services, which were first availed of on the 3rd June, 1901.

(3.) £1 per day whilst employed.

(4.) No.

(5.) No. I may say that Mr. Foley, after paying all the expenses at the railway station, cleared for the Department £1,500.

(10.) Shale Miners at Airlie:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it likely that the case of the shale miners at Airlie will be heard by the Arbitration Court?

(2.) In view of the fact that the miners have been "out" for some months, will he cause the hearing of this case to be expedited?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information:—The claims in two cases brought by the Airlie Miners were only filed on the 28th of last month. The answers by the respondents were filed on the 4th and 8th of this month respectively. It is now open to the claimants to apply at once to the President to fix the day of hearing, and the urgent nature of the case may then be shown to the President, who fixes the day of hearing of the cases.

(11.) Payment of Income Tax by Federal Members of Parliament:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many New South Wales Members of the Federal Ministry have paid income tax for the years 1901–2?

(2.) How many New South Wales Members (*a*) of the Federal Senate, and (*b*) the Federal House of Representatives have paid income tax for the years 1901–2?

(3.) Have any objections been lodged by defaulters against the payment by them of the tax; and, if so, is it not proposed to take steps to secure recovery of the amounts due?

Sir John See answered,—Federal Ministers, Senators, and Representatives are not assessable to income tax in New South Wales on the salaries received by them from the Federal Government. Such salaries are earned at the seat of Federal Government, which is not in New South Wales, and the New South Wales Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, section 27, sub-section 3, specially exempts from taxation in this State incomes earned outside New South Wales. Those Federal Ministers, Senators, and Representatives who have incomes derived from sources taxable in New South Wales have all been assessed to income tax, and have been treated the same as all other taxpayers.

(12.) Official Record of the Inauguration of the Commonwealth:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the official Record of the Inauguration of the Commonwealth, for the compilation of which Parliament voted a sum of money, ever been published?

(2.) If not, what has been the reason for the delay?

(3.) What amount has been expended on the work, and how many copies of the publication does the amount refer to?

(4.) What is the estimated sum necessary to complete same?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the completion of the work; and when will the same be published?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The work was stopped by my directions.

(3.) £557 14s. 2d. 2,500 copies.

(4.) Approximately £600.

(5.) No.

(13.) Public Service Tender Board:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons comprising what is called the "Public Service Tender "Board"?

(2.) What emoluments does each member of the Board derive from his office?

(3.) What is the cost to the State of the other officials employed by the Board; what are their names, the capacity in which they are employed, and the salaries paid to each of them?

(4.) What duties does the Board perform that were not comparatively inexpensively performed by the various Government Departments previous to the Board being called into existence?

(5.) What was the necessity for creating a new Department for such work, and which justifies the Board in heading its official documents with the words "Public Service Tender Board "Department"?

(6.) Which Minister of the Crown controls and is responsible for the actions of this Board?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Inspector-General of Police (Chairman), Inspector-General of Insane, Comptroller-General of Prisons, Government Printer, Government Architect, and Secretary and Executive Member.

(2.) None, except in the case of the Secretary and Executive Member, who receives a salary of £500.

(3.) I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving this information.

(4.) The Board are the authority for dealing with the Tenders and Conditions of Contract for stores or other requisites, including furniture, forage, and provisions for the Public Service; for procuring stores and other materials and requisites for the Public Service; for regulating the keeping, requisitioning, supply, and use of such stores, &c., and other matters incidental thereto. The State Clothing Factory is also under the supervision of the Board.

(5.) It was considered desirable that a separate Department should be created for these duties, and to cover the functions previously discharged by the Tender Boards of various Departments and by the Government Stores Department.

(6.) The Colonial Treasurer.

(14.) Road Vote:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Road Vote, as scheduled, be expended in full in the respective localities?

Sir John See answered,—Every effort will be made to do so.

(15.) Distribution of Seed Wheat:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Can he furnish this House with any information as to the quantity of wheat at Model Farms throughout the interior that may be available for distribution as seed wheat to farmers who have suffered from effects of the drought?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I have asked for the information, and will furnish the Honorable Member with it as soon as particulars are to hand.

(16.) Interest Annually Returned by our Public Works:—Mr. Rose asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of interest annually returned by our public works?

(2.) After crediting our public works with annual interest returned, what deficiency has to be made up from Consolidated Revenue to meet our interest obligations?

Sir John See answered,—This information is not obtainable, as no account of the interest annually returned by State public works is kept.

(17.) Steamers that left for South Africa with Troops:—*Mr. Carroll*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many steamers left this port for South Africa with troops?
(2.) What was the name of each boat?
(3.) What amount of money was spent on each boat, fitting up the cooking arrangements?
(4.) Who did the work?
(5.) Was the work done by contract or done by day labour?
(6.) What amount was paid to each firm for contract work?
(7.) What amount was paid to each firm for day work?
(8.) What was the total paid to each firm?

Sir John See answered,—A return embodying the information asked for will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House.

3. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By Mr. Scobie,—From certain storekeepers and others of Wentworth.
(2.) By Mr. Scobie,—From certain storekeepers and others of Euston.
(3.) By Mr. Coleman,—From certain storekeepers and others of Lismore.
(4.) By Mr. Coleman,—From Foon Yung, storekeeper, Lismore.
(5.) By Mr. Meagher,—From certain storekeepers and others of Murwillumbah.

Petitions received.

4. Papers:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Infectious Diseases in Stock in New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) *Gazette* Notice, 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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Customs Revenue, from Duties Imposed on Agricultural Products, for November, 1901, and November, 1902.
(2.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.
(3.) Return respecting Officials employed by the Public Service Tender Board.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders:—

(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, pursuant to Standing Order No. 395, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider Mr. Carruthers' Notice of Motion, No. 8, on the Business Paper for to-day, relating to the duties on breadstuffs and fodder.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of the following motion:—That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the serious effects of the drought and the failure of the wheat harvest, the Government ought to make provision for the temporary rebate or payment of the duties on breadstuffs and fodder, in the interests of the great mass of consumers and the great producing industries on the land; and, as far as may be practicable, for the importation, upon proper guarantees as to payment therefor, of breadstuffs and fodder.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 73.			Noes, 5.
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Gormly,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ashton,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Law,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Chapman,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Price.	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Anderson,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr Wood,		
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Oakes.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. Duties on Breadstuffs and Fodder:—Mr. Carruthers then moved, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the serious effects of the drought and the failure of the wheat harvest, the "Government" ought to make provision for the temporary rebate or payment of the duties on breadstuffs and fodder, in the interests of the great mass of consumers and the great producing industries on the land; and, as far as may be practicable, for the importation, upon proper guarantees as to payment therefor, of breadstuffs and fodder.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Webster moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "Government," and inserting the words "should 'if the necessity arises' import breadstuffs and "fodder to ensure these commodities being sold at reasonable rates"—instead thereof.

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Wood submitted that, under Standing Order No. 187, the amendment was out of order, being the same in substance as a Question which, during this Session, has been dealt with.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the suspension of the Standing Orders having been agreed to, the amendment was not out of order.

Debate continued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Williams,
Mr. Bennett,
Sir John See,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Briner.

Tellers,

Mr. Daley,
Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Winchcombe

Tellers,

Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Rose.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levy.

Noes, 58.

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir John See,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nielson,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. J. F. Smith

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sullivan.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

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

Mr. Moore moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out the words, "if the "necessity arises."

Mr. Henry Clarke moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chapman,
Sir John See,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Power,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill.

Tellers,

Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Macdonell.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Law,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Newman.

Tellers,

Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chapman,
Sir John See,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Power,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill.

Tellers,

Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Daley.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Jessep,
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Mr. McCoy,
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Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. O'Conor.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Question

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chapman,
Sir John See,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
*Mr. Evans,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hayes,
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Mr. Donaldson,
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Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Young,
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Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Power,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Briner,
*Mr. Evans,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill.

Tellers,

Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Hollis.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. O'Conor.

Tellers,

Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Gilbert.

* So in Tellers' List.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 11 *DECEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 57.

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Crick,
Sir John See,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Power,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill.

Tellers,

Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Newman,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Wood.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Davidson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question, as amended, proposed,—That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the serious effects of the drought and the failure of the wheat harvest, the Government should, if the necessity arises, import breadstuffs and fodder to ensure these commodities being sold at reasonable rates.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Kelly,
Sir John See,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Dight,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Willis.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. McCoy.
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Nobbs,	

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the serious effects of the drought and the failure of the wheat harvest, the Government should, if the necessity arises, import breadstuffs and fodder to ensure these commodities being sold at reasonable rates,—put and passed.

7. Messages from the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 27th November, 1902, in reference to the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Gold and Mineral Dredging (Amending) Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging* Act, 1899,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(3.) Registration of Firms Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration of firms*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Registration of Firms Bill.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10*th December*, 1902.

Adolphus P. Clapin,
For the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 5. *Omit* clause 5.
Page 3, clause 7, line 13. *After* "declaration" *insert* "or produced a power of attorney showing"
Page 3, clause 7, line 14. *After* "declaration" *insert* "or power of attorney"
Page 3, clause 7. At end of clause *add* "or producing such power of attorney"
Page 3, clause 11, line 40. *After* "same" *insert* "within the prescribed time after a written "demand in that behalf by the Registrar-General or"

Examined,—

F. T. Humphery,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"To "consider the question of adjournment for Christmas."
In the absence of Mr. Sullivan, the Notice lapsed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (*d*) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.
Question put.
The House divided.
Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that no motion for the adjournment of the House having been made, this Question for a second motion should not be entertained. Mr. Speaker said that having drawn the Notice from the box, and called upon the Honorable Member and five others in support, and that not being given, he concluded that the House had refused to entertain the motion.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Oakes.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dight,
Sir John See
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Price,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. McNeill.

Tellers,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Webster.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for St. George, Mr. Carruthers, be not further heard.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Cohen proceeding to move, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration "of clause 10",—instead thereof.
Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Petersham, Mr. Cohen, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir John See,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

Tellers,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Daley.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Hawthorne.

Tellers,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Jessep.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Question again stated,—That this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Perry moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir John See,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

Tellers,

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Briner,

Noes, 33.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Law,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Morton.

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

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir John See,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. D. R. Hall.

Tellers,

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Dight.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Morton.

Tellers,

Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carroll.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill do now *pass*.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Cann,
Sir John See,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Price,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Latimer.

Tellers,

Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Moxham.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Waddell proceeding to move, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works.*"

Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Cowra, Mr. Waddell, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor.

Tellers,

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Coleman.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Webster,
Sir John See,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowen.

Tellers,

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hollis.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Williams,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Daley,
Sir John See,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Meagher.

Tellers,

Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Law,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Gilbert.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Carroll.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Waddell proceeding to move the Message to the Legislative Council,—

Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Cowra, Mr. Waddell, be not further heard.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Coleman.

Tellers,

Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Dick

Noes, 59.

Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Power,
Sir John See,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Evans,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Power,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Webster,
Mr. W. F. Hurley.

Noes, 32.

Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Jessep.

Tellers,

Mr. Morton,
Mr. Davidson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. RICHMOND BRIDGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 64.			Noes, 8.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Davidson,
Sir John See,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Moxham.
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Price,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Fallick.
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Law,	Mr. McNeill.	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Webster,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Burgess,		
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. MacMahon.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.

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

12. Registration of Firms Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Levy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration of firms.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

13. Adjournment:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Briner, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carroll, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dight, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Latimer, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Williams,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-one minutes before Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Captain Comte de Rossi's Removal from the Public Service :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the Comte de Rossi was appointed to a statutory office at a salary of £300, and so gazetted ?

(2.) Was not such appointment during good behaviour ?

(3.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of Minute from Cabinet, notifying Captain Comte de Rossi's removal ; also *Gazette* notice in reference thereto ?

Sir John See answered,—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the answer given to similar Questions on 23rd October last, and desire to state that, for the reason then given, I am unable to furnish replies to these Questions.

(2.) Dredging at Private Wharfs :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount was received by the Government for dredging at private wharfs for the year ending 30th June, 1902 ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The dredging operations in Sydney Harbour are dealt with by the Harbour Trust, therefore, this Question is one for my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary to answer.

(3.) Testing Cement :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount was received by the Government for testing cement for the year ending 30th June, 1902 ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£611 11s.

(4.) Water Rights :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount was received for water rights for the year ending 30th June, 1902 ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£72.

(5.) Work Performed by Prisoners in Gaol :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount was received for work performed by prisoners in gaols for the year ending 30th June, 1902 ?

Sir John See answered,—About £1,050, exclusive of the value of the work done for Government Departments, for which no cash is received.

(6.) Appeal to the Public Service Board by Mr. Jonathan May :—*Mr. Davidson*, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence connected with the appeal to the Public Service Board, made in January last by Mr. Jonathan May, of the Technical School at Wollongong, against the methods of examination and selection of Inspectors of Mines ?

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

(7.) Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896 :—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he yet decided on any course of action regarding the action of certain coal companies in the Northern district not complying with section 38, Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, brought under his notice by Mr. Estell and Mr. Edden on the 4th December ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The matter has been referred to the Attorney-General, and as soon as his opinion has been received I shall have pleasure in answering the Honorable Member's Question.

(8.) Relief Works in the District of Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are there any relief works at present being carried on in the district of Molong for the unemployed and others in distressed circumstances ; if so, will he state the nature of such works that are under construction, number of men employed thereon, and the amount of money being expended on the same ?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Instructions have been issued to the officers at Dubbo and Forbes, whose districts include portions of the Molong Electorate, as well as to officers in other drought districts, to carry out all future Works in expenditure of this year's Road Votes by day labour instead of by contract, in order to provide relief work for the unemployed. In the Orange Road District, in which the remainder of the electorate is situated, there are no relief works, strictly speaking, now in hand, but every endeavour to push on with the expenditure of the Votes will be made so as to provide employment.

(9.) Appointment of Mr. McLachlan to the Harbour Trust:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the appointment to the Harbour Trust, at a salary of £150 per annum, of Mr. McLachlan, an ex-employee of the Botanic Gardens, who is in receipt of a pension of £114 10s., will he, in view of the fact that so much distress exists in the State, and that there are so many applicants for employment, see that the system of appointing to official positions men already in receipt of an annual income from the State is discontinued?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Harbour Trust Commissioners that Mr. McLachlan was not appointed by the Trust, but was transferred, with other officers, from the Resumed Properties Branch of the Public Works Department, having been appointed thereto by the Public Service Board. The matter is now receiving attention.

(10.) Leycester Creek Bridge, at Lismore:—Mr. Coleman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that Leycester Creek Bridge, at Lismore, is in a dangerous condition, and secured by chains?
(2.) Is it a fact that Fawcett Bridge, at Lismore, is absolutely dangerous to the travelling public, and the money voted for repairs was not spent owing to the bad state of the under structure?
(3.) As no provision, as promised, has been made for new bridge at Lismore on Loan Estimates, in view of the heavy traffic and dangerous state of the old bridges, what action does he intend to take *re* proposed new bridge?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The Leycester Creek Bridge is in urgent need of repairs, and the best means to be taken to repair and strengthen it are at present under consideration.
(2.) It is considered that Fawcett Bridge, on account of its confined roadway, is a source of danger to the traffic now using it. A sum of money was set apart for alterations and repairs to the structure, but it was found on further inquiry that the old bridge could not be satisfactorily altered, and plans have accordingly been prepared for a new structure.
(3.) I can do nothing until funds shall have been made available, and the Honorable Member can help in the matter by assisting to pass the Appropriation Bill.

(11.) Detention of Six Men in Sydney Harbour:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that six subjects of the King, free men, are detained on a steamer in Sydney Harbour, and refused permission to land?
(2.) If so, what action does the Government propose to take in the matter?

Sir John See answered,—This is not a matter in which the State Government can take action. It is one which is governed by Federal law. As far as my personal feelings are concerned, if I had to deal with the case, I should let these men land at once. I have no control over the Federal law; but I think the Federal Government are entirely wrong in preventing these men from landing. An Honorable Member suggests that I should let them in, and take the consequences. If I could act from personal feeling alone, I should be prepared to break the law, even if I had to go to gaol. I have the strongest feeling that an Englishman—a Britisher, or any man living under our flag—should have the right to go to any part of the Empire without restriction, if he is a free citizen of our common kingdom, and I say that with very great respect. Whatever the legal technicalities may be, they should be waived, and the men ought to have the right to land.

(12.) Case of James Howard, Wyalong Police Court:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that a man named James Howard pleaded guilty before the Court at Wyalong, on Tuesday, 9th December, to a breach of the Games, Wagers, and Betting-houses Act, and that subsequently, through the direct intervention of the Attorney-General, the charge was withdrawn?
(2.) Will he inform this House on what grounds the ordinary course of the law was intercepted, especially after the accused had pleaded guilty?
(3.) In view of the unusual circumstances in this case, will he lay all the papers upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—
(1 and 2.) Howard pleaded guilty, but in view of an opinion expressed by the Police Magistrate in a report furnished on the 28th ultimo, the Attorney-General directed that the prosecution be dropped.
(3.) The papers will be laid upon the Table.

(13.) Applications for Land, near Cataract Dam Works:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that applications have been made to him for permissive or other occupancy of land near the Cataract Dam work, in order to allow certain persons to apply for a license for an hotel?
(2.) If so, the names of the applicants?
(3.) Has he dealt with such applications for land; and, if so, how?
(4.) Will he, in the interest of the workmen, oppose the granting of any license near the said works?

Mr. Bennett answered,—As far as I can ascertain, no such applications have been made. If they happen to be made, I will carefully consider the matter.

(14.) Charge against Levy for Receiving Stolen Property:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to state what is the cause of delay in the matter of proceeding with the charge against a man named Levy of receiving stolen property, and when that charge is likely to be dealt with?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information:—Levy's case was originally committed to the last Central Criminal Court, but His Honor Mr. Justice Pring, who presided at that Court, being compelled to come down to the Supreme Court to take *nisi prius* business, it was arranged that the case be heard at the Quarter Sessions now sittings at Darlinghurst. The hearing was fixed for last Tuesday, but, at the request of Mr. Abigail, attorney for the defence, it was postponed, and is now fixed for to-morrow morning. The accused has been on bail since his committal.

2. Goulburn Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, in the State of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes, within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

And Mr. Ashton having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Goulburn Herald*, and the *Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

3. Poisons Act:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that Petitioners suffer many disabilities through the administration of the Poisons Act, and praying that the Act may be amended so as to permit storekeepers to sell patent or proprietary medicines for the convenience of the public, and to provide that the Poisons Act shall not extend to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines:—

(1.) By Mr. Alexander Campbell,—From certain storekeepers and others of Kiama.
(2.) By Mr. Arthur Griffith,—From certain storekeepers and others of Lambton.
(3.) By Mr. Nobbs,—From certain storekeepers and others of Drake.

Petitions received.

4. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Tramway along Abercrombie-street, Redfern, to Erskineville.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Perry, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act*, 1902; *and for other purposes connected with the business, control, and management of the Savings Bank of New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act*, 1902; *and for other purposes connected with the business, control, and management of the Savings Bank of New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th December*, 1902.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Poisons Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.

8. Pastures Protection Bill:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Pastures Protection Bill.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11*th December*, 1902.

Adolphus P. Clapin,
For the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 4, line 6. *After* "Destroy" *insert* "when used in Part IV"
Page 3, clause 4, line 26. *Omit* "except Tasmania"
Page 4, clause 4, line 21. *Omit* "three" *insert* "eight"

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Page 6, clause 6, line 10. *After* "Governor" *insert* "from among the persons liable to be rated "in the district, who shall hold office for four years and who shall be eligible for "reappointment"

Page 6, clause 7, line 22. *Omit* "district" *insert* "Board"

Page 7, clause 12, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* "referred to in the last preceding section" *insert* "hereinbefore referred to"

Page 7, clause 12, line 12. *Omit* "sixteen" *insert* "eighteen"

Page 8, clause 18, line 28. *After* "unstocked" *insert* "or partly stocked"

Page 8, clause 19, line 45. *After* "stock" *insert* "in such district and of any of his stock travelling "in any other district"

Page 9, clause 19, subsection (2). *Omit* subsection (2).

Page 15, clause 42, line 43. *After* "occupier" *insert* "or owner"

Page 33, clause 96, line 28. *Omit* "three" *insert* "two"

Page 34, clause 98, line 34. *After* "flood" *insert* "or other unavoidable cause"

Page 34, clause 98, line 37. *After* "hours" *insert* "from six o'clock in the morning of one day to "six o'clock in the morning of the following day"

Page 34, clause 98, line 42. *After* "statement" *insert* "If in the opinion of the inspector any "travelling sheep in respect of which the route or destination has been so changed are "travelling in search of grass or of a purchaser, the inspector shall demand, and the owner "of such sheep shall pay, travelling charges for the same from the point where the change "of route begins to the destination"

Page 35, clause 98. At end of clause *add* the following new subsection:—

Any travelling charges imposed may be paid under protest to the inspector, and the drover of the sheep or their owner may, in the prescribed manner, appeal against such charges to the board of the district in which the charges are imposed. The Minister may, on the recommendation of a board, remit any travelling charges.

Page 44, clause 140, line 43. *Omit* "directors and"

Page 45, clause 146, line 38. *Omit* "three" *insert* "eight"

Page 47, clause 157, line 39. *After* "sheep" *insert* "or twenty head or more of large stock"

Page 47, clause 157, line 40. *After* "sheep" *insert* "or large stock"

Page 48, clause 157, line 3. *After* "sheep" *insert* "or large stock"

Page 51, second schedule, line 10. *After* "section" *insert* "eighty-five"

Page 51, third schedule, line 22. *After* "sheep" *insert* "or part of 1,000"

Examined,—

F. T. Humphery,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

9. Adjournment:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Tumut, Mr. Donaldson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for "showing greater expedition with regard to the construction of the Gundagai to Tumut Railway." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 34.	
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Newman.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Carruthers,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Young,	Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bennett.	Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Gillies,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Kelly,		Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Broughton.	Mr. Brunker,	

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

Debate continued.

Mr. David Storey moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Tumut, Mr. Donaldson, be not further heard.

Question

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.
Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only six Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Webster, Mr. O'Conor, Mr. Ashton, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Affleck, and Mr. Rose.
Debate continued.
Original Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 60.	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Price,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Young,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brunker,	Sir John See,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Eden George,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Archer,	
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Winchcombe.
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Millard.	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Tellers,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Rose,	
	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Newman,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Carroll.	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. McNeill,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. Richmond Bridge Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, *passed*.
Mr. O'Sullivan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 11*th December*, 1902.

11. Broken Hill Water Supply:—Mr. O'Sullivan proceeding to move Notice 1 on this subject,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Carruthers pointed out to the Speaker that it was irregular for the Government to take Orders of the Day and Notices indiscriminately, and not in their regular order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the usual practice was being followed, and could not conveniently be changed, except at the commencement of a Session.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the probability of a water famine at Broken Hill, it is essential that the Minister for Works should at once construct a weir across Yanco Glen for the purpose of providing additional storage for water.
Debate ensued.
Mr. David Storey moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto the words "at a cost "not to exceed £20,000."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question,—That words proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.
Original Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

12. MUNICIPALITIES RELIEF BILL :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths.
Question put and passed.

13. BURWOOD MUNICIPAL LOAN VALIDATION BILL :—
(1.) Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate a certain loan to the Municipal Council of Burwood, and all securities for such loan.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate a certain loan to the Municipal Council of Burwood, and all securities for such loan,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

14. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1902–3.

No. I.—SCHEDULES A, B, AND C TO SCHEDULE 1 OF ACTS 18 AND 19 VICTORIA, CAPUT 54.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £803, as supplement to Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, for the year 1902–3.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £375, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1902–3.
(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,832, for Legislative Council, for the year 1902–3.
(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,598, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1902–3.
(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,370, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1902–3.
(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,018, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1902–3.
(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,167, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1902–3.
(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,525, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1902–3.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,525, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1902–3.
(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,625, for Auditor-General, for the year 1902–3.
(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,728, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1902–3.
(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £413,702, for Police, for the year 1902–3.
(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £122,994, for Lunacy, for the year 1902–3.
(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,740, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1902–3.
(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, for Medical Board, for the year 1902–3.
(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,711, for The Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1902–3.
(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,750, for Government Statistician, for the year 1902–3.
(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,790, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1902–3.
(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,503, for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1902–3.
(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,122, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1902–3.
(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,647, to recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during financial year 1901–2, under State Children's Relief Act, No. 61, 1902, for the year 1902–3.
(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,819, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1902–3.
(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,186, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1902–3.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,832, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1902–3.
(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £975, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1902–3.
(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,313, for Government Domains, for the year 1902–3.
(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,593, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1902–3.
(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,590, for Centennial Park, for the year 1902–3.
(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,260, for Electoral Office, for the year 1902–3.
(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,761, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1902–3.
(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1902–3.
(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,240, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1902–3.
(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1902–3.
(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,875, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1902–3.
(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,561, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1902–3.

No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,978, for Treasury, for the year 1902–3.
(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,635, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1902–3.
(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38,397, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1902–3.
(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1902–3.
(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1902–3.
(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93,648, for Government Printer, for the year 1902–3.
(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,654, for Public Service Tender Board and Government Stores, for the year 1902–3.
(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,295, for Explosives Branch, for the year 1902–3.
(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,765, for Board of Health, for the year 1902–3.
(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,390, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1902–3.
(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,933, for Navigation, for the year 1902–3.
(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,925, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1902–3.
(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,438 for Administration of Old-age Pensions Act, for the year 1902–3.
(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,349 for Government Savings Bank, for the year 1902–3.
(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £927 for Weights and Measures, for the year 1902–3.
(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £346,268, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1902–3.
(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1902–3.

No. V.—Railways.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,812,460, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1902–3.

No. VI.—Department of The Attorney-General and of Justice.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,090, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1902–3.
(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,715, for Master in Equity, for the year 1902–3.
(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,935, for Prothonotary and Divorce Court, for the year 1902–3.
(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,532, for Sheriff, for the year 1902–3.
(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,258, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1902–3.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,258, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1902–3.
(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,758, for District Courts, for the year 1902–3.
(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,715, for Coroners, for the year 1902–3.
(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,569, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1902–3.
(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £102,308, for Prisons, for the year 1902–3.
(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,808, for Public Service Board, for the year 1902–3.
(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,800, for Arbitration Court, for the year 1902–3.
(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,170, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1902–3.

No. VII.—Secretary for Lands.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £170,127, for Department of Lands, for the year 1902–3.
(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,560, for Department of Lands—Contingencies, for the year 1902–3.
(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1902–3.
(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1902–3.
(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,980, for Advances to Settlers Board, for the year 1902–3.
(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,313 for Western Land Board, for the year 1902–3.
(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,673, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1902–3.
(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,590, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1902–3.
(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,580, for Trigonometrical Survey of the State, for the year 1902–3.
(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1902–3.

No. VIII.—Secretary for Public Works.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105,287, for Establishment, for the year 1902–3.
(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £809,000 for Public Works and Services, for the year 1902–3.
(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £101,721, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1902–3.
(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,894, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1902–3.
(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,373, for Labour Commissioners and State Labour Board, for the year 1902–3.
(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,209, for Public Wharfs and Resumed Properties, for the year 1902–3.

No. IX.—Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry.

(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £824,968, for Public Instruction, for the year 1902–3.
(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,244, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1902–3.
(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,434, for Observatory, for the year 1902–3.
(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,486, for Australian Museum, for the year 1902–3.
(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,419, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1902–3.
(91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,743, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1902–3.
(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,929, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1902–3.
(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,900, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1902–3.
(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1902–3.

No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,724, for Department of Mines, for the year 1902–3.
(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,729, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1902–3.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,108, for Stock and Brands Branch, for the year 1902–3.
(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,443, for Agriculture Branch, for the year 1902–3.
(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1902–3.
(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,360, for Board for Exports, for the year 1902–3.
(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1902–3.
(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,150, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1902–3.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1902–3.

No. I.—Schedules.

Supplement to Schedule B.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £525, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Military Pensions."

No. II.—Executive and Legislative.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £160, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."

No. III.—Colonial Secretary.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Colonial Secretary's Department."
(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,154, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Auditor-General."
(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Master in Lunacy."
(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Government Statistician."
(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,012, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Government Asylums."
(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £825, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Fisheries Commission."
(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Registrar-General and Examiner of "Patents."
(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,200, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Charitable Allowances."
(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,810, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "The Treasury."
(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,378, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Public Service Tender Board and "Government Stores."
(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Board of Health."
(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £596, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Administration of Old-age Pensions Act."
(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Navigation."
(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,700, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."
(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Advance to Treasurer."

No. VI.—Attorney-General and Justice.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £393, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Department of the Attorney-General and "of Justice."
(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Master in Equity."
(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Sheriff."
(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Bankruptcy Court."
(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £217, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Petty Sessions."
(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Arbitration Court."

No. VII.—Secretary for Lands.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,466, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Department of Lands—Salaries."
(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VIII.—Secretary for Public Works.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £620, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Establishment."
(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,610, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Public Works Schedules."
(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and "Sewerage."

No. IX.—Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."
(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £134, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41, to defray additional charge for the year 1902–3 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1901–2, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1901–2, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £108,669 1s. 3d. in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1901–2.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

15. Treasury Bills Bill:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

16. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 15.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Storey.	Mr. Whiddon,
Mr. Williams,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Coleman.
Mr. MacMahon,		*Tellers*,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Briner.	Mr Affleck,
Mr. Young,		Mr. Oakes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered, that the resolutions be received To-morrow.

17. APPRAISEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 13 *DECEMBER*, 1902, A.M.

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

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1902-3.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

Permanent and Reproductive Works.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000 for Hospitals: being £10,000 for Country Hospitals—towards erection of New Buildings to meet the demands for increased accommodation; and £10,000 for North Shore Hospital, towards New Building—further sum.
(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000 for Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, towards erection of Buildings, &c.—further sum.
(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000 for Inebriates Home—towards erection of Buildings, &c.; Improvements to Island, &c.
(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £25,000 for Fire Brigades—Sites for, and erection of, Branch Stations, under control of Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board.
(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000 for Sydney Harbour Trust: being towards construction of new Berthing Accommodation and new Jetties, Sheds, &c.; new Punts for Dredges; general reconstruction of Wharfs and Jetties; erection of Office accommodation; and generally for the improvement of the Port.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £8,000 for Government Printer, for purchase of extra Machinery and Plant.

No. V.—RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £600,000 for Railways and Tramways: being £375,000 for Rolling Stock to meet additional traffic and equipment of new lines; £25,000 for Improvement of Grades and Curves; £75,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops, and for other purposes; £50,000 towards the Duplication of existing Railway Lines and works connected therewith; £50,000 for Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes, including the erection of a Car Shed at Rozelle Bay; and £25,000 towards the Duplication of Existing Lines, Crown-street, Water's-road to Spit-road, and other lines.

No. VI.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE,

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000 for Prisons—for Trial Bay—Harbour Improvements—further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902-3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £113,000 for Department of Lands: being £2,000 for Blockholders Loan Fund, under Act No. 69, 1901; £1,000 for Rabbit Act, No. 6, 1902—towards purchase of Wire-netting, &c., under clause 20; £10,000 for Pastures Protection Act—further sum towards purchase of Wire-netting; and £100,000 for Closer Settlement Act—to provide for the acquisition of land for the purposes of Closer Settlement.

No. VIII.—Secretary for Public Works.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £344,680 for Railway Construction: being £17,285 for Dubbo to Coonamble Railway—further sum; £60,000 for Narrabri to Walgett Railway—further sum; £20,000 for Manilla to Barraba—towards construction of; £75,000 for Temora to Wyalong—further sum; £5,395 for Culcairn to Germanton—further sum; £15,000 for Temora to Barellan—towards construction of; £30,000 for Cobar to Wilcannia—towards construction of; £15,000 for Bogan Gate to Bulbodney—towards construction of; £7,000 for Trial Surveys; and £100,000 for Central Railway Station, Sydney—including Resumptions.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £117,100 for Tramway Construction: being £75,000 for Tramways generally; £2,100 for Broken Hill Tramway at South Broken Hill—cutting out Grade; and £40,000 for Belmore Park to Fort Macquarie—including Land Resumptions—further sum.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £23,700 for Government Architect: being £2,000 for Court-houses—Darlinghurst—further sum; £5,000 for Police Buildings—Offices for the Inspector-General of Police and Comptroller-General of Prisons—Part of re-vote; and for Miscellaneous—£2,500 for Crown Law Offices—Additions—further sum; £3,000 for Art Gallery—further sum; £1,200 for Installation of Electric Light in Hyde Park, Outer Domain, and extensions to adjacent parks and gardens; £3,000 for Central Electric Light Station and Departmental Workshops; £5,000 for University (Fisher) Library—further sum; £2,000 for Prince Alfred Hospital—Additions to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert Pavilions.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £45,625, for Roads and Bridges: being for Bridges—£300 for Beardy River, at Yarrowford—further sum; £3,000 for Bellinger River (South Arm)—towards erection of; £2,000 for Gwydir River, at Pallamallawa—towards erection of; £2,400 for Williams River, at Dungog—towards erection of; £394 for Wollondilly River, at Burragorang—further sum; £1,500 for Hunter River, at Luskintyre—further sum; £3,000 for Tabulam Bridge—further sum; £4,000 for Hunter River, at Dunolly Ford, Singleton—towards erection of; £3,000 for Murrumbidgee River, at Darlington Point—towards erection of; £800 for McDonald River, at St. Albans—further sum; £1,350 for Glennie's Creek, Middle Falbrook—further sum; £5,000 for Lachlan River, at Goolagong—towards erection of; £6,000 for Hawkesbury River, at Richmond—towards erection of; £2,681 for Glebe Island—Improvements—further sum; £3,000 for South Arm, Richmond River, near Coraki—Towards erection of; £4,000 for South Arm Maclean; and £3,200 for Steam Punt for Stockton Ferry.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £189,900 for Harbours and Rivers: being £15,000 for Tweed River Improvements; £2,000 for Lavender Creek Improvements; £30,000 for Richmond River Improvements; £35,000 for Clarence River Improvements; £4,000 for Bellinger River Improvements; £4,000 for Nambucca River Improvements; £5,000 for Macleay River Improvements; £3,500 for Camden Haven Improvements; £3,000 for Crookhaven Improvements; £12,000 for Manning River Improvements; £5,000 for Bateman's Bay Improvements; £6,000 for Newcastle Harbour Improvements; £7,000 for Newcastle Harbour—North Harbour Reclamation; £6,000 for Newcastle Harbour, Reclamation and Ballast Appliances, Bullock, Walsh's Islands, and Stockton; £3,000 for Newcastle Harbour—Extra Mooring Accommodation; £3,000 for Newcastle Harbour, Workshop and Appliances—further sum; £2,000 for Cockatoo Island, Fitzroy Dock Extension and Appliances; £2,000 for Snagging Murrumbidgee River; £7,000 for Snagging Darling River; £1,000 for Snagging Edwards River; £15,000 for Port Kembla Harbour Works; £15,000 for Reclamation and Dredging Works generally; and £4,000 for new Sand Pump Dredge "Glaucus"—further sum.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £58,104 for Sewerage Construction: being £4,000 for Low-level Sewerage generally; £3,000 for Coogee-Waverley, Eastern Slopes Sewerage—further sum; £1,000 for Zoological Gardens Sewerage; £1,000 for Rookwood Asylum Sewerage; £4,000 for Rockdale Sewerage; £5,000 for City Low-level Sewerage Extension; £5,000 for Lismore Sewerage; £3,000 for Darlington Sewerage; £1,000 for Clay Cliff Creek, Parramatta; £7,000 for Newcastle Sewerage; £4,000 for Forbes Sewerage; £7,000 for Hay Sewerage; £4,000 for Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally; £3,000 for Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally; £3,000 for Burren-street, Erskineville—Stormwater Channel Extension; and £3,104 for Glebe Sewerage Works—Value of Works taken over from the Glebe Municipal Council, including interest—further sum.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000 for Country Towns Water Supply for Country Towns Water Supplies generally.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,663 for Miscellaneous for Water Supply Main, Waratah.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £160,000 for Sydney Water Supply: being £150,000 for Improvements to Sydney Water Supply and Storage Dam on the Cataract River; and £10,000 for Resumptions on Catchment Area.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £92,300 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage: being for Water Supply—£25,000 for Extension of Reticulation and Arterial Mains, Stop Valves, Meters, Hydrants, Spring Valves, Mechanical Stokers for Boilers; £1,500 for High-level Tanks and Land at Mosman; £20,000 for Reconstruction, Re-lining and Strengthening Canal, and Erection of Buildings along same; and £4,300 for Water Supplies, Smithfield, Liverpool, Camden, Campbelltown, and Richmond; and £16,500 for Improvements to Supply, Eastern Suburbs—

being

being £5,500 for Service Reservoir, and £11,000 for Mains; and for Sewerage—£20,000 for Construction and Ventilation of Reticulation Sewers, Eastern and Western Suburbs—Re-vote; £3,000 for under draining Filter Beds, Buildings, and other Works on Sewage Farms—part of Re-vote; and £2,000 for New Sewers—City.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,000, for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: being £3,000 for Extension of Reticulation; £1,500 for Wallsend Water Supply Reservoir; £2,000 for Improvements to Newcastle Water Supply; and £500 for Improvements to Walka Pumping Station.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £63,400 for Repayment of Municipal Loans: being £25,000 to meet 6 per cent. Debentures, 1st January and 1st July, 1902, taken over with Water and Sewerage Works—Sydney Water Debentures; and £34,700 for Sydney Sewerage Debentures; and £3,700 for Ashfield Municipal Sewerage Debentures, taken over with works by the Government, due 1st October, 1903.

No. IX.—Public Instruction, &c.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000 for Public Instruction for School Buildings, Residences, Additions, and Sites.

No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £25,000 for Agriculture for the Promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges, and Experimental Farms.

Repayment of Loans.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1902–3, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,000,000 for Railways and Tramways—4 per cent. Debentures due 1st July, 1903 (36 Vic. No. 17).

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

19. Treasury Bills Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 176.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills for the purpose of carrying out certain public works,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12*th December,* 1902.

20. Messages from the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Advances to Settlers (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12*th December,* 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

Advances to Settlers (Amendment) Bill.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of the 12*th December,* 1902.

Adolphus P. Clapin,
For the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 3. At end of clause *add* "for every one hundred pounds," and substituting therefor the words "in respect"

Examined,—
F. T. Humphery,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Municipal Loans Validating Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain municipal loans and securities, and to amend the Municipal Loans Further Validating Act of* 1897,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12*th December,* 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(3.)

(3.) Richmond Bridge Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, 12*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

(4.) Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of night-soil, and to amend the Police Offences Act*, 1901,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, *Sydney*, 12*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT, Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Perry, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

21. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £3,070,472 be raised by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the State, and for other purposes.

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

22. LOAN BILL:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State, and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

23. STAGE-CARRIAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stage-carriages Act of 1899.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hogue, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Stage-carriages Act of 1899.

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

(2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Stage-carriages Act of* 1899,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

24. CLAIMS OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER IN THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE:—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claims of "Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Office," brought up on 14th November, 1902, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Wood moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT, *Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Railway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 177.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a company called the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, to cross (in connection with the construction by them of a railway) with the said railway the public road from Portland village to Cullen Bullen, and the road from Portland village to Portland siding, and reserve No.* 150, *parish of Cullen Bullen, county of Roxburgh,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12*th December*, 1902.

(2.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 178.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to trustees and trust property,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12*th December*, 1902.

(3.) Public Roads Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 179.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the opening, closing, survey, altering, and improving of roads, and the alignment and alteration of the alignment of streets in municipalities,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12*th December*, 1902.

(4.) Explosives Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 180.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the importation, storage, and removal of gunpowder and other explosive substances,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented, to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12th December, 1902.

(5.) Benevolent Society of New South Wales Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 181.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12th December, 1902.

2. Police Regulation Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 182.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Police Regulation Act, 1899.

State Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1902.

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

3. Questions:—

(1.) Houses of Ill-fame in the Resumed Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Does he intend to take any steps to oust the keepers of notorious houses of ill-fame from the resumed area?
(2.) Is he aware that many complaints have been lodged with the police in connection with a certain house in George-street, kept by a foreigner, but, so far, without avail; will he therefore take steps to have the disgraceful nuisance removed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes, whenever the Department is aware that premises in the resumed area are being kept as houses of ill-fame prompt steps are taken to eject.
(2.) The tenant of premises in George-street, to which I think this Question applies, has vacated.

(2.) Cancer Hospital at Liverpool:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Who has charge of the Cancer Hospital at Liverpool?
(2.) In the event of a patient entering this hospital with personal property, what steps are taken to check the amount thereof, and who is the responsible officer?
(3.) Has any complaint been made by the personal representative of the late Gustave Pearson, and the disappearance of a portion of his valuable property whilst an inmate of the institution; and what is the result of the inquiry?

Sir John See answered,—The Director of the Government Asylums has furnished the following answers:—
(1.) A paid attendant, under the direction of the Surgeon Superintendent.
(2.) Every inmate is questioned by the Matron Superintendent when first admitted, and the result noted in the official records.
(3.) Yes. When first admitted, the deceased stated that he had no property; but subsequently a complaint was made concerning the loss of a pawnticket alleged to have been in his possession. The matter was investigated by the Director, and also by the police, but no evidence was forthcoming as to who abstracted the pawnticket.

(3.) Dawes Point:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he any information to give this House in connection with the Dawes Point dispute?
(2.) When did General Finn's notice to quit expire, and does he intend to take any action in reference thereto?
(3.) Is he aware that the approaches to the reserve are in a dangerous and disgraceful condition, and who is responsible for these conditions?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) On the 8th instant.
(3.) Yes; and the matter is receiving attention.

(4.) Mount Kembla Fund:—*Mr. Archibald Campbell*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What were the total receipts of the demonstration held on the Sydney Cricket Ground, 26th instant, in aid of Mount Kembla Fund?

(2.) What were the total expenses under the several heads—advertising, children's fares, ground charges, &c.?

(3.) How much of the expenses were charged to the Cadet Vote?

(4.) What amount, if any, remains to be given to the object for which the demonstration was held?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1, 2, and 4.) The whole of the accounts have not been made up yet. The balance-sheet will be published in the *Educational Gazette* for the information of contributors in due course.

(3.) Nil.

(5.) Collections in the Public Instruction Department in aid of Mount Kembla Fund:—*Mr. Archibald Campbell*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the amount collected to date from teachers, pupils, and officials of the Department of Public Instruction towards the Mount Kembla Fund, and how much was collected in the Ministerial Office?

(2.) What decision was arrived at respecting its distribution at the meeting of teachers and officials held on Saturday last?

(3.) Is he in favour of keeping this collection separate, the distribution to be controlled by a Committee consisting of the Chief Inspector and teachers elected solely by the Sydney teachers?

(4.) Will he have any objection to this fund being considered by the Committee elected by this House to report on the numerous charitable funds now lying idle?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The movement was confined entirely to teachers, and full information concerning the fund will be published in due course in the *Educational Gazette*.

(2.) At the meeting of teachers, held in the High School, it was decided that the funds should be administered by a Trust consisting of the Minister, the two Treasurers, and nine members of the General Committee (five gentlemen and four ladies), elected by ballot. The fund is designated the "Mount Kembla and Miners' General Accident Relief Fund," and will be applied to cases of distress caused by accidents in connection with mining in any part of the State.

(3.) I am not prepared to interfere with the decision of the meeting.

(4.) It is not intended to allow these funds to remain idle. A donation of £50 has already been given to the widow of a miner recently killed at Bulli.

(6.) Government Receipts in the way of Refund of Railway and Steamer Fares:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What amount was received by the Government in the way of refund of railway and steamer fares for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Perry answered,—The amount refunded to the Labour Commissioners for the year ending 30th June, 1902, for rail and steamer fares, amounted to £2,567 7s. 6d.

(7.) Government Receipts for the Use of Diamond Drills, &c.:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount was received by the Government for the use of diamond drills and water augurs for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Kidd answered,—Diamond drills, £1,693 3s. 10d.; water augurs, nil. The latter machines have not been in use for the last ten years, as boring for water is now being done by contract.

(8.) Seed Wheat to Farmers:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount was received for the sale of seed wheat to farmers for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Kidd answered,—It is assumed this Question refers to the seed supplied by the Department to farmers who suffered through the droughts, and not to seed sold by the Experimental Farms in the usual course of business. The total amount received during the year ending 30th June, 1902, was £788 3s. 7d.

(9.) Fees on Presentation of Private Bills:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been received by the Government in the shape of fees on presenting Private Bills to Parliament for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£215; less refunds during the year amounting to £62 8s. 1d.

(10.) National Park:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is being done regarding the proposal made to cancel the reservation of the part of the National Park, situated on the western side of the Illawarra railway line, with a view to the land being subdivided for building purposes?

(2.) Is it his intention that the proposal shall be carried out; and, if so, when is the land likely to be surveyed and rendered available for the intended purpose?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Designs for the subdivision of these lands into suitable-sized blocks have been prepared, and the further surveys will be put in hand immediately.

(2.) The land forms part of the area dedicated in connection with the National Park, and before it can be sold it will be necessary to resume it; action in this direction is in progress.

(11.) Road between Dunmore and Jamberoo:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—Regarding an application made in the early part of this year for the establishment of a road between Dunmore, on the Illawarra railway line, and the village of Jamberoo, will he state the reason for the delay in the matter being dealt with, and when the applicants are likely to get a definite reply to their request?

Mr. Bennett answered,—A report on the subject referred to has recently been received, and in the course of a few days the Honorable Member will be communicated with.

(12.) Sleepers Burnt at Stuart Town:—*Mr. Whiddon*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is is true that 2,000 condemned railway sleepers were recently burnt at Stuart Town, thirty railway men being sent to do the work?

(2.) Was some offer made for these sleepers locally; and on what grounds were they destroyed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) About 1,000 decayed and useless sleepers were burnt by the re-sleepering gang, who were working on the spot where the sleepers were recovered.

(2.) An offer of 50s. per 1,000 was made for the sleepers, but as this would not cover the cost of loading and delivery, it was cheaper to destroy them.

(13.) Parliamentary Business:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he redeem his promise, and inform this House what Bills or business he intends to proceed with before the close of the Session?

(2.) Has the Government decided when they will close the present Session of Parliament?

Sir John See answered,—If the honorable gentleman can give me an assurance that motions for the adjournment of the House will not be moved during this week, I will tell him to-morrow what business we propose to go on with.

(14.) Distribution of Blankets:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in the annual distribution of blankets, supplies are given to orphanages and houses for old and infirm people which are not Government institutions; if so, will he give the names of such institutions, or other institutions?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government, if such has been done in the past, to continue it in the future?

(3.) Will the Government, when they give blankets for the future, see that such only be given for the purpose of distribution amongst the deserving poor outside of such institutions as above referred to?

(4.) When blankets are supplied for the future, will the Government only do so to such people or institutions as will guarantee to send in a return of the names of the persons receiving blankets, so that they may be in a position to make inquiries, if necessary?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes; and a list showing the distribution to all parties will be laid upon the Table shortly.

(2, 3, and 4.) These matters will receive attention.

(15.) Government Savings Bank:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of interest received on uninvested funds at the credit of the Government Savings Bank for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Interest on the uninvested funds at credit of the Government Savings Bank is paid annually to the Bank on 1st January. The accrued interest on the uninvested cash for half-year ended 30th June, 1902, is £14,608 14s. 4d.

(16.) Pensions Paid to Judges, &c.:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of pensions paid to Judges, Political Officers, and Superannuated Officers, under Schedule B and Supplement, for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£6,609 17s. 6d.

(17.) Public School Fees:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount received in the shape of Public School fees for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£84,776 13s. 1d.

(18.) Technical Education Department:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount received in the shape of fees from the Technical Education Department for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£1,500.

(19.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What was the total amount received for mineral leases for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Kidd answered,—£33,061 8s. 10d.

(20.) Molong Hospital:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he see that the correspondence papers, and reports, &c., moved for by Dr. Ross in September last, in connection with the Molong Hospital, and sanctioned by Parliament, are laid upon the Table of this House before the Session closes?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the return referred to.

(21.) Dredges and Tug-boats:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of dredges and tug-boats that are under the control of the Department of Public Works, and where they are occupied?

(2.) The number of men employed in carrying on the dredge and tug service?

(3.) The amount annually expended in carrying on the dredge and tug service under the supervision of the Department?

(4.) Are dredge and tug services conducted by any other Department in the State; if so, what is the relative annual expenditure in conducting the respective services?

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Forty dredges and sixteen tug-boats, employed at Tweed River, Richmond River, Clarence River, Bellinger River, Nambucca River, Macleay River, Port Macquarie, Camden Haven, Manning River, Cape Hawke, Myall River, Newcastle, Hunter River, Brisbane Water, Hawkesbury River, Cook's River, George's River, Crookhaven River, Moruya River.

(2.) Four hundred and twenty men.

(3.) £120,000. This dredge work is absolutely necessary to maintain trade and industry along the coast.

(4.) Yes, by the Sydney Harbour Trust. Any information required from that body should be obtained from my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary.

(22.) Public-house or Drinking Saloon at Cataract:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In regard to the Questions about the proposed public-house or drinking saloon at Cataract, will he inform this House,—

(1.) What are the names and addresses of the applicants, and did they make application personally or by letter, or through an agent; if so, the name of such agent?

(2.) Did he refuse or entertain such applications?

(3.) Will he undertake to grant no lease of any land at the Cataract for the purposes of a public-house or drinking saloon?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—As several assertions regarding this matter have been published, perhaps it may be as well to restate what was not done and what was done. First let me say that it is absolutely incorrect to assert that the Public Works Department has sold a site to a certain brewery company in connection with these works, though it is rumoured that the company referred to has bought private land outside the catchment area. It has been the practice to grant sites for hotels on all new railway lines and other public works. When the Cataract dam was proposed, representatives of the Australian Brewery and Standard Brewery applied for sites—one verbally, the other by letter. These sites can only be granted contingent on licenses being issued by the local Bench, which has not yet adjudicated upon the matter. The site would be useless without the license. As the men at work at the Cataract dam appear to be opposed to the granting of licenses for hotels in this locality, and their officers take up a similar attitude, I have decided to send Mr. Symons, the Engineer-in-Charge of the work, to oppose the granting of these licenses. The applicants for the licenses were Mr. George Martin (by letter) and Mr. Magney (verbally).

(23.) Resumption of Properties between Dawes Point and Darling Harbour:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Gillies, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Government made any payments, by way of compensation for resumption, to the owners and occupiers of water frontage properties lying between Dawes Point and the head of Darling Harbour, resumed on 3rd May, 1900?

(2.) If so, what amounts have been paid, and to whom?

(3.) Have the Government agreed with any of the owners and occupiers of water frontage properties lying between Dawes Point and the head of Darling Harbour (resumed on 3rd May, 1900) as to the amount of compensation to be paid?

(4.) If so, what amounts have been so agreed upon, and with whom?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Treasury has no means of discriminating as to localities among the resumption claims settled. These Questions might, perhaps, be addressed to the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works.

(3 and 4.) The Department of Public Works, which conducts the negotiations with the late owners, points out that it would be most impolitic to give this information while the cases are *sub judice*. Information of this kind is never supplied pending settlement, as the agreements are of a private nature till completed, and their disclosure may prejudice the interests of claimants or of the Government.

(24.) Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour Jetties:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour jetties are "officially" known to be in a dangerous state, and badly in need of repair, will he give instructions at once to have the money voted for work at these jetties expended?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Repairs are necessary to both Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour jetties; the sums of £500 and £300 respectively have been passed on the Revenue Estimates for 1902-3 for the works named, and instructions have been issued to the local officer to commence work at both places.

(25.) Draining of Macleay Swamps:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) As the draining of the Macleay Swamps would lessen the possibilities of damage by floods, and also ensure safe use of 62,000 acres of the finest land in the State, will he consider the advisability of putting 300 men on to do the work before the rainy seasons return and render the work much more costly?

(2.) Could he not send 250 picked men from Sydney unemployed and employ fifty local men on the work?

(3.) In dealing with the matter, will he consider the fact that the splendid area of land named is now dry, and the work can be done cheaply, whereas if it is postponed floody seasons may return and render the cost very much greater?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am fully aware of the advantages to be gained by draining the Macleay Swamps, and a comprehensive scheme is now nearing completion, but as this is a work that comes under the Water and Drainage Bill it will have to be dealt with in the manner prescribed therein.

(2.) It is not ready to be put in hand; the working drawings have yet to be prepared.

(3.) Doubtless the present time is most opportune to undertake this, but there are other circumstances to be considered before the work can be started.

(26.) Treasury Bills Bill :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he told this House, when introducing the Treasury Bills Bill, he wished it passed, as it would take two or three weeks to get the Bills ready, as he, the Under Secretary, and the Auditor-General had to sign them?

(2.) Is it a fact he told this House on Thursday, 11th December, a.m., that he wished the Treasury Bills Bill read a third time, so that he could get the Bills posted to London by next Tuesday's mail?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) If the Honorable Member will refer to *Hansard*, page 5199, he will see that in moving the second reading of the Bill, I mentioned that it was a matter of necessity to get it through as soon as possible, as the Bills had to be signed by myself, the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, and the Auditor-General, and forwarded to their destination.

(2.) If the Honorable Member will again refer to *Hansard*, page 5336, he will see that I stated as follows:—"It takes a great many weeks to transmit Treasury Bills from here to London. It is "necessary that we should transmit the measure to London by next Tuesday's mail. In order to "do that we must get the Bill passed to-night, and sent to the other House in order that it may "pass to-morrow."

4. Land Tax (Leases) Bill :—Mr. Anderson presented a Petition from certain tenants of the large landed estates in and around Sydney, representing that Petitioners are labouring under a great injustice, owing to certain provisions of the Land and Income Tax Act, in connection with which a Bill has been introduced by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer; that Petitioners feel that it would not only ensure just treatment to themselves and the owners of these large estates, but would also protect the public interests as regards revenue; and praying the House to pass this Bill during the present Session in the form in which it was introduced.

Petition received.

5. Printing Committee :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. Papers :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Inter-State Royal Commission on the Conservation and Distribution of the Waters of the Murray River Basin, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans.

(2.) Depositions and Exhibits in connection with the Mount Kembla Colliery Disaster Inquest.

(3.) Papers respecting Breach of the Gaming Laws at Wyalong.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd September, 1902—"Molong Cottage Hospital."

(5.) Return to an Address adopted on 25th November, 1902,—"Case of Charles H. Olive, lately "tried at Casino."

(6.) Papers in connection with Mr. R. C. Byrne, J.P., who adjudicated in a case in which he was related to the accused.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Goulburn Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes, within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ashton having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes, within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—read a first time.

8. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) [*Mr. Frank Farnell*] postponed until To-morrow.

9. Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 183.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to extend the term of settlement leases; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 16*th December*, 1902.

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

10. WINE ADULTERATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to prevent the adulteration of wine; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

WINE ADULTERATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 16th December, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, Schedule. At end of Schedule *add* "to fresh grape juice only and in such quantity "that the total percentage of sugar so obtained does not exceed eighteen per centum of "the grape juice, such percentage to be measured by the saccharometer and at the "temperature prescribed by the regulations."

Examined,—
F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

11. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the Speaker's ruling, on the 10th December, that a motion of adjournment was to be construed as having been "made" when the Notice had been read by him to the House, although the Mover was not in his place to move the same, nor did five Honorable Members rise in their place to support the motion.

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick submitted that as the House itself had decided, on division, that no second motion for the adjournment of the House should be put, this motion was out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker admitted that he had given a ruling, and stated that he would not deprive the Honorable Member of his right to move dissent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker, referring to the circumstances surrounding the ruling which he gave, said that it was a hasty decision, which further consideration had convinced him was in error; and he wished to recall that ruling. He felt that the first Notice of Motion on that day should have been treated as a nullity.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 29th October, 1902.

12. PASTURES PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the rabbit pest and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1902.

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That in view of the early closing of the Session, and the necessity for dealing with the papers laid upon the Table, leave be given to the Printing Committee to sit during the sitting of the House.

Question put and passed.

14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means, the Chairman of Committees moved, That the resolutions be now received.

Question put and passed.

The resolutions were then read a first time, as follows:—

(4.) *Resolved,*—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1902–1903, the sum of £7,742,391 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved,*—That, towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1901–2," for Services of the financial year 1901–2, the sum of £108,669 1s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 4 and 5), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1902, to the 30th day of June, 1903, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1901–1902," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1902, to the 30th day of June, 1903, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1901–1902,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902, inclusive of both dates, and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

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

16. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Petersham, Mr. Cohen, be not further heard.
Question put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1902, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

17. APPRAISEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Crick, *passed.*
Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and homestead selections, and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and homestead selections, and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1902, *a.m.*

18. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Advances to Settlers Acts.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1902, *a.m.*

19. Land Tax (Leases) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

20. Wine Adulteration Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to prevent the adulteration of wine; and to regulate the sale of wine and other beverages.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

(1.) Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 184.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining on Private Lands Act of* 1894, *the Mining Laws Amendment Act of* 1896, *the Mining Act of* 1874, *and the Mining Act of* 1889,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902.

(2.) Registration of Firms Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 185.

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

State Government House,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902.

(3.) Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.* — *Message No.* 186.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act*, 1902; *and for other purposes connected with the business, control, and management of the Savings Bank of New South Wales*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902.

(4.) Gold and Mineral Dredging Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 187.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act*, 1899,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902.

3. Gun License Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 188.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the use of guns and firearms in certain cases.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902.

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

4. Questions :—

(1.) Treatment of Sand-drifts :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in each of the morning papers of the 28th October, 1902, giving an account of a paper read at the University by Mr. W. A. Smith, M.I.C.E., on the treatment of the sand-drifts as applied to Bondi Beach?

(2.) With a view to landholders along much of our coastline getting the benefit of the experiment described, will he have a copy of the paper laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(2.) Detention of Hatters by the Federal Government :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received any cablegram from Mr. Copeland, Agent-General, relative to the refusal of the Federal Government to allow the six hatters per s.s. "Orontes" to land in Sydney?

(2.) If such cablegram has been received, will he lay it upon the Table of this House, or communicate its purport to this House?

(3.) Has any communication been made by him to the Agent-General relative to the incident in question?

(4.) If so, will he lay it upon the Table of this House, or communicate its purport to this House?

Sir John See answered,—I have no objection to laying the whole of the papers upon the Table of this House.

(3.) Fumigation of the City :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is paying the cost in connection with the fumigating of our city?

(2.) Who authorised the dismissal of twelve men and the retention of eighteen on the 11th instant?

(3.) Is it a fact that married men with families have been discharged?

(4.) In view of the fact that plague has really broken out in Queensland, will he consider whether it is a wise policy for us to relax our efforts with regard to the destruction of rats?

(5.) If the Government are paying the whole cost of fumigation operations, will he place the whole management under control of the Board of Health?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following replies to Questions 1, 2, and 3 :—

(1.) The Water and Sewerage Board, the cost being afterwards recouped by the Government.

(2.) On the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, the number of men was reduced by direction of the Board, on account of the poor results obtained as far as the destruction of rats was concerned, the sphere of operations being confined to the sewers discharging into the harbour, to which rats have access from the foreshores.

(3.) The men retained were found by experience to be the best for the work. The remainder were provided for with other work. All are still employed, married and single.

(4 and 5.) These Questions should be asked of my honorable colleague the Colonial Treasurer.

(4.) Architect for the Harbour Trust :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Who is the architect for the Harbour Trust?

(2.) What are the terms of his engagement?

(3.) Who appointed him?

(4.) Will a deduction be made for quarters, &c., used by the Harbour Trust's officers?

Sir John See answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Sydney Harbour Trust :—

(1.) Mr. V. Vernon.

(2 and 3.) Mr. Vernon was appointed by the Governor and Executive Council upon the recommendation of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, at a salary of £250 per annum.

(4.) Where quarters are provided for officers of the Trust a rental is charged in proportion to the value of the accommodation. The only exception is the Head Messenger, who receives free quarters in return for the services he renders as caretaker of the Head Office.

(5.) Electors Rights for Female Voters:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. W. Alison, Secretary of the Taxpayers' Union, has notified through the columns of the Press that female voters, by application to him, can obtain their electoral rights more expeditiously and surely than by trusting to the ordinary departmental methods?

(2.) Will he say what special privileges have been accorded to this gentleman and his union in the way of obtaining electoral rights?

(3.) Is Mr. W. Alison, of the Taxpayers' Union, identical with a gentleman of the same name acting as Secretary of the Pastures and Stock Association, whose circulars were lately delivered to Members of the Assembly in Governmental franked envelopes?

(4.) Will the same privileges that are accorded to the Taxpayers' Union be extended to the Wharf Labourers and other unions?

Sir John See answered,—

(1. and 3.) I am not aware

(2.) No special privileges have been accorded Mr. W. Alison or his union in obtaining elector's rights. Printed forms for applying through the post for elector's rights have been supplied, also the addresses of the Electoral Registrars for the City and Suburban Electorates. The Secretary of the Taxpayers' Union has no means of obtaining elector's rights for anyone that are not open to any other citizen, further than the fact that as a Justice of the Peace applications are signed and declared before him.

(4.) Forms of applications for elector's rights have been distributed freely throughout the State, and are supplied daily at the Electoral Office, 41, Phillip-street.

(6.) Public Debt of the State:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he, in reply to a Question asked by Mr. Affleck on the 4th instant, informed him the Public Debt on the 30th November was £74,676,874?

(2.) Is it a fact that, since that date, the Attorney-General has stated that the Public Debt on the 8th instant was £74,276,375?

(3.) There being a discrepancy of £400,000, which is correct?

(4.) Is it a fact that he, in reply to a Question by Mr. Affleck on the 4th instant, stated the overdraft on the General Loan Account was £3,605,862?

(5.) Is it a fact that, since that date, the Attorney-General has stated the overdraft on the General Loan Account on the 7th instant was £3,641,831?

(6.) There being a discrepancy of £44,000, which is correct?

(7.) Is it a fact that the Public Debt on the 31st August, 1899, was £63,820,759?

(8.) If the Public Debt, including overdrawn accounts, on the 30th ultimo, was £79,307,962, as stated by him on the 4th instant, has the Public Debt not been increased by £15,487,203 since the Lyne-See Government took office, and not £10,455,616, as stated by the Attorney-General on the 7th instant, exclusive of the £4,000,000 Treasury Bills lately authorised?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Both are correct. The one statement was the Public Debt on 30th November, 1902. The second statement was of the Public Debt on 8th December following. The difference consists of Debentures which had matured, paid off, and brought to account.

(4.) Yes. As on 30th November, 1902.

(5.) The overdraft on the General Loan Account on the 7th December was as stated.

(6.) Both. The difference is represented by transactions between the two dates given.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) The Loan transactions since the Lyne Government came into office up to 30th November, 1902 (excluding Deficiency Bills), were as follows, viz.:—Stock sold, 15th September, 1899, to 30th November, 1902, £12,818,440; deduct Loans paid off within that period, £2,631,900; increase to debt for Loan Services, £10,186,540. The overdraft on the Loans Account when Sir William Lyne took office, was £1,656,244, which has since been increased to £3,605,862, a difference of £1,949,618. If this difference be added to the increase in the Public Debt above stated, viz., £10,186,540, there is shown a total increase since 15th September, 1899, of £12,136,158. I hope the Honorable Member for Goulburn will look at these figures, in view of the erroneous statements he made on the second reading of the Treasury Bills Bill.

(7.) Tramways:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the time occupied in the running of the trams from Darlinghurst to Bridge-street?

(2.) What is the time occupied in the running of the trams from Railway-square, George-street, to Circular Quay?

(3.) What is the time occupied in the running of the trams, on the Cleveland-street line, from the Railway Subway to Bridge-street?

(4.) What is the time occupied in the running of the Crown-street tram from Cleveland-street to Bridge-street?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed—

(1.) Thirteen minutes.

(2.) Sixteen minutes.

(3.) Thirteen minutes.

(4.) Seventeen minutes.

(8.) State Clothing Factory:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government purchase the premises now used as a State clothing factory; if so, what was the price paid, who was the owner, and through whose agency was the purchase effected; if the property was not purchased, what rent is being paid for it, and to whom?

(2.)

(2.) Is it not a fact that the suitability of these premises for the purpose to which they are being put was strongly reported against on separate occasions by two prominent officers of the State, and that it remained for Mr. Vernon to discover that they were suitable?
(3.) Has he heard that any Member of the Government possessed or possesses an interest in the above-mentioned property?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) This property was resumed under the Harbour Resumptions Act.
(2.) The Government Architect has reported that these premises are most suitable for the purpose.
(3.) The property when resumed did belong to the Chief Secretary, but he now has no interest in it. More than that, I can tell my honorable friend that if he will buy me back the property for £2,000 more than I got for it, I shall be very glad to take it.

(9.) Money due to Contractor, Edward Quince:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the reason that Contractor Edward Quince has not been paid the money due him on contract for metal for road work?
(2.) What is due him?
(3.) When may he expect payment?
(4.) When will Road Contractor Charles Arkinstall be paid for his contract on Wolgan Gap?
(5.) Have vouchers been sent in, and what is due him; and when may he expect payment?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Amount due to Contractor Edward Quince:—Final payment, Contract 2, £67 4s.; deposit, Contract 2, £6 5s.; total, £73 9s. Amount due to Contractor Charles Arkinstall:—Final payment, Contract 49, £51 9s. 6d.; deposit, Contract 49, £9 19s.; total, £61 8s. 6d. Vouchers in all the above cases are at the Treasury, and action will be taken to expedite payments.

(10.) Dredging Operations, Blackwattle Bay:—*Mr. Whiddon*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) When were the dredging operations in Blackwattle Bay last discontinued, and why were they not further proceeded with?
(2.) Is it not a fact that the insanitary condition of this bay has frequently been brought under his notice, and that he has admitted the gravity of the nuisance caused by the polluted state of this portion of the harbour?
(3.) Has not the Sydney Harbour Trust endeavoured to proceed with the cleansing of the bay, but been prevented by the want of funds?
(4.) When does he purpose continuing the work of dredging the bay?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Dredging operations were discontinued on 3rd October last, as there was no Vote available to which the cost could be charged.
(2.) The matter has been frequently drawn under my notice, and I am aware of the gravity of the situation.
(3.) I am not aware; the Harbour Trust is not under my control.
(4.) When Parliament provides the necessary funds for the purpose.

(11.) Dust Nuisance on Pyrmont Bridge:—*Mr. Whiddon*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he come to any decision yet in regard to the suggestion made to him to abate the dust nuisance on Pyrmont Bridge road by oiling that thoroughfare?
(2.) What report, if any, has he received in regard to the efficacy of oil spraying as a remedy for the dust nuisance; and what is the nature of such report?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No decision as to oiling this road has yet been come to.
(2.) The officer called upon for report is making the fullest inquiries into the matter. His report has not yet been received. The recent bountiful rains have made it almost unnecessary for some time, at all events.

(12.) Erection of Hotel, corner of George and Gipps Streets:—*Mr. Whiddon*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the hotel property at the corner of George-street and Gipps-street,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the Government is erecting the said property for the owner?
(2.) Is the property in question being erected for hotel purposes?
(3.) Was the said property ever resumed by the Government, and afterwards returned to the owner?
(4.) Who is the owner of the said property?
(5.) Was the building on the land when the property was resumed pulled down by order of the Government, and for what reason?
(6.) What amount was paid by the Government, or contracted to be paid when the property was resumed, as compensation for the resumption?
(7.) What amount is being paid per week to the owner as compensation pending the re-erection of the premises?
(8.) When is the new building expected to be completed?
(9.) What is the reason for the Government not adhering to its original determination in connection with the resumption of the property?
(10.) What is the estimated loss to the Government on the whole transaction?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No.

(4.) The Crown.
(5.) No building was on the land when resumed.
(6.) The matter is still *sub judice*.
(7.) Answered by No. 1.
(8.) In April next.
(9.) The original scheme has not been departed from.
(10.) The Government does not anticipate any loss, but are apparently assured of a fair profit.

(13.) Dog Licenses:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was received for dog licenses for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The amount collected during the year ended 30th June, 1902, for "dog "fees, &c." was £15,798 5s. 7d.

(14.) Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has any contract been entered into with Fitzgerald Brothers in regard to their circus being pitched on the land now occupied by workmen in connection with the Grand Central station; if so, what are the terms?
(2.) Is it not likely to embarrass the workmen in connection with the station site?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) Yes, at £30 per week. The ground is open to any other entertainer of the people on the same terms.
(2.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Railways made a special visit in connection with the matter, and returned with the conviction that the presence of the circus will not in any way embarrass or inconvenience the workmen. If it were likely to do so, the permission to occupy would not have been given.

(15.) Unemployed in Goulburn District:—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have any of the unemployed in Goulburn and district yet received work?
(2.) Is any portion of the £20,000 suggested by the recent Conference to be spent in Goulburn District, or is the employment on roads to be limited to the decreased Road Vote?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) All road works in Goulburn District are to be carried out by day labour; and these will, it is expected, absorb most of the local unemployed.
(2.) No portion of the £20,000 has been allotted to Goulburn District up to the present. The expenditure of the Road and other Votes, grants, &c., will give employment to those in distress.

5. Claim of James Ross, Pilot Boatman:—Mr. Dick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th October, 1902, a.m., together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

6. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. Papers:—
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines respecting the Creep in the Central Mine, Broken Hill.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Hillgrove Borough Council, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1897.
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of North Illawarra, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1897.
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrabri, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1897.
(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Newtown, under the Public Health Act of 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Correspondence respecting reciprocity with other States, under the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 11th September, 1902,—"Duties on, and carriage of, articles of "Fodder."
(3.) Papers respecting the detention of Felt Hatters on board the R.M.S. "Orontes."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. Navigation (Amendment) Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Navigation Act, 1901.
Question put and passed.

9. GOULBURN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Goulburn Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Dick, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. FISHERIES BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative Board of Advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th *December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

FISHERIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th *December*, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, lines 3 to 5. *Omit* "of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a "representative board of advice to advise and assist such authority" *insert* "a board to "be called the board of fisheries for New South Wales"

Page 2, clause 3, line 34. *Omit* "advice" *insert* "fisheries for New South Wales"

Page 3, clause 3, lines 1 to 3. *Omit* "'Commissioner' means the Commissioner of Fisheries for "New South Wales appointed or constituted under the authority of this Act" *insert* "'Chairman' means the Chairman of the Board"

Page 3, clause 3, line 8. *After* "Crown" *insert* "or in any trustees for the purposes of public "recreation, or for any other public purposes"

Page 3, clause 3, line 11. *After* "marine" *insert* "animal"

Page 3, clause 3. *After* line 13 *insert*
"'Fixed engine' shall include stake-nets, bag-nets, putts, putchers, night-lines, and all fixed "implements or engines for catching or for facilitating the catching of fish"
"'Gaff' shall mean a metal hook fixed to either end of a rod or stake"

Page 3, clause 3. *After* line 34 *insert*
"'Leister' shall mean an instrument made of metal prongs fixed to either end of a rod or "stake"

Page 3, clause 3. *After* line 45 *insert*
"'Salmon' shall include all migratory fish of the genus salmon, whether known by the names "hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, salmon, grilse, sea-trout, salmon-trout, smolt, "parr, or by any other local name"

Page 4, clause 3. *After* line 3 *insert*
"'Strokeball or snatch' shall mean and include any instrument or device, whether used with "a rod and line or otherwise, for the purpose of foul-hooking any fish"

Page 4, clause 3, line 6. *Omit* "Commissioner" *insert* "Board"

Page 4, clause 3, line 12. *Omit* "Commissioner" *insert* "Board"

Page 4, clause 3, line 14. *Omit* "Commissioner" *insert* "Board"

Page 4, clause 3. At end of clause *add*
"'Trout' shall include non-migratory fish of the genus salmon"

Page 4, clause 4, line 19. *Omit* "five" *insert* "nine"

Page 5, clause 5, lines 4 to 7. *Omit* "He shall receive a salary of five hundred pounds per annum, "and such salary shall be charged to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which, to the "extent required for the payment of such salary, is hereby permanently appropriated."

Page 5, clause 5, line 8. *Omit* "six" *insert* "nine"

Page 5, clause 5, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "and who shall be nominated by the Licensed Fishermen's "Union"

Page 5, clause 5, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "and who shall be nominated by the holders of such "leases"

Page 5, clause 5, line 19. *Omit* "three" *insert* "six"

Page 5, clause 5, lines 20 to 24. *Omit* "Every such member of the board shall be entitled to be "paid at the rate of fifteen shillings per diem for every day on which he attends a "meeting of the board, in addition to such travelling expenses as may be prescribed. "Three members of the board other than the chairman shall constitute a quorum at any "such meeting," *insert* "Each member of the board provided for in subsections (a), (b), "and (c) shall be entitled to be paid at the rate of fifteen shillings per diem for every "day on which he attends a meeting of the board, and shall be paid such travelling "expenses as may be prescribed. Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum "at any such meeting."

Page 5, clause 5, lines 28 and 29. *Omit* "The Minister of the Crown for the time being holding "the office of Colonial Secretary," *insert* "the board"

Page 5, clause 5, line 29. *After* "may" *insert* "from their own number"

Page 6, clause 9, line 28. *After* "nets" *insert* "and providing for the disposal of forfeited nets"

Page 9, clause 14. *After* subsection (1) *insert* the following new subsection:—

"Any person who so uses such a boat which has not been licensed shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds."

Page 10. *After* clause 15 *insert* the following new clauses:—

"All persons selling or exposing for sale fish or oysters at any fish market shall, if so requested, furnish in writing to the board a weekly statement of all fish and oysters consigned to or received by them, and shall state the quantity of each species of fish and the waters they were captured in. Any person failing to furnish such statement every week shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds." Persons to furnish returns of fish.

"All persons other than those specified in the preceding section who receive fish for sale from fishermen, or from the waters they are taken from, and do not sell them through a fish market, shall, if so requested, comply with the requirements of the preceding section, and shall be liable to a similar penalty if such requirements are not complied with." Other persons to supply returns.

Page 11, clause 18, line 15. *After* "penalties" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 13. *After* clause 23 *insert* the following new clause:—

"Every person who shall be found using a fishing-net or long line or bultow in any prohibited water shall, on demand, give his true name and residence to any inspector or justice, or to any owner or occupier of land bordering such water, or over which it ebbs and flows. And if any such person shall refuse or neglect to comply with such demand, or shall give a false or fictitious name or residence, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds." Netters, &c., to give name and residence when demanded, &c.

Page 13, clause 24, line 16. *After* "be" *insert* "liable to be"

Page 15, clause 31. At end of clause *add*

"Provided that the purchaser of the lease of any area under this Act shall, upon payment of the rent therefor for the first year, be deemed to be in actual and absolute possession of such area for all purposes of this Act, notwithstanding that the deed of lease shall not have been issued; and such purchaser, or any inspector, may seize any oysters removed therefrom without lawful authority; and any person who shall be found unlawfully dredging, taking, or attempting to take oysters in or from such area shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds, and all oysters found at the time in possession of such person shall be deemed to have been unlawfully taken by him, and may be forthwith returned." Rights pending issue of leases.

Page 15. *After* clause 35 *insert* the following new clauses:—

"Every leased area shall be subject to all reclamation rights conferred by the Crown Lands Act of 1884, or any Act amending the same, and to such conditions, provisions, and limitations as may from time to time be prescribed by the regulations or approved by the Governor, and subject to the right of the Crown to carry out public works upon the area or its immediate vicinity without compensation." Reclamation rights under Crown Lands Acts preserved.

"The Governor may, on the recommendation of the board, resume wholly or in part any area a lease whereof has been granted under any of the Acts hereby repealed, but subject to the payment by the Crown to the lessee thereof of compensation for the loss of such area or part thereof: Provided that should the lessee of any area so resumed be dissatisfied with the amount of compensation offered to him he shall have the right to require the matter of compensation to be determined by arbitration pursuant to the Act fifty-fifth Victoria number thirty-two, and the award thereunder shall be conclusive on all parties: Resumption of leases under Acts hereby repealed.

"Provided that the Crown shall not be liable to pay compensation for the resumption of any lease that has been issued with a provision relieving the Government from liability for any damage or injury that might be done to the area leased or to the oysters thereon, by the carrying out of public works."

Page 17, clause 39. At end of clause *add*

"The provisions of this and the two preceding sections shall apply to every lease issued under the Act forty-eight Victoria number six."

Page 17, clause 41, line 24. *Omit* "sections forty-three and forty-four of".

Page 18, clause 43, lines 8 to 10. *Omit* "Provided that nothing in this section shall be held to "apply to the hauling of nets by licensed fishermen upon hauling grounds authorised "by the board."

Page 18, clause 43. At end of clause *add* "subject however to the provisions of section thirty-nine "of this Act."

Page 19, clause 45. At end of clause *add* the following new subsection:—

"Every person who holds such a license shall, on the demand of an inspector, produce the same for inspection.

"Any holder of such a license, who, on the demand being made by an inspector, refuses to produce his license, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds."

Page 19, clause 51, line 39. *Omit* "four" *insert* "three"

Pages 20 and 21, clauses 56 and 57. *Omit* clauses 56 and 57 *insert* the following new clauses:—

"Any person convicted a second time of an offence against any of the provisions of Part IV of this Act shall be liable to be disqualified from leasing any area for oyster culture." Disqualifications of twice-convicted persons.

Forfeiture of nets illegally used.

Inspector may seize such nets.

Disposal of nets forfeited.

"(1) Any net used in contravention of subsection three of section eleven, or of sections thirteen, twenty, or twenty-two shall, on conviction by any court under this Act of the person so using it, be liable to forfeiture.

"(2) Where, in the opinion of an inspector, a net has been or is being used in contravention of any of the said sections, such inspector may seize the net, and upon conviction of the offender under any such sections such net may be forfeited at the discretion of the court.

"(3) Any net forfeited under this section may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in such manner as the court by whom the same was forfeited may direct."

Page 23, Second Schedule, line 6. *Omit* "8" *insert* "6"

Page 23, Second Schedule, line 7. *Omit* "8" *insert* "6"

Examined,—

F. T. Humphery,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

11. Adjournment:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Oakes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The "failure of the Government to meet their obligation in respect to the pay of returned Contingents." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Point of Order:—Mr. Crick stated that, as this subject could be discussed on the motion for the second reading of the Appropriation Bill, this motion was out of order. In addition to this objection, he stated that the matter was *sub judice*.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that he thought the details of the matter could have been discussed on the item which had been submitted in the Estimates, or later in the resolutions. He would not rule as to the matter being *sub judice*. The Honorable Member could have debated the administration of the Government in a general way, as he now wished to debate it, without infringing the rule. He having lost those opportunities, this motion was out of order.

12. Loan Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.		Noes, 21.
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Carruthers,
Sir John See,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Wright	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Dick,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Mackenzie.
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Phillips,	*Tellers,*
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. McLaurin.	
Mr. Thomson,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Dight,		
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Macdonell.	
Mr. Davis,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State, and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 17*th December*, 1902.

13. LAND TAX (LEASES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed.*
Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 17th December, 1902.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed.*
Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July,* 1902, *to the 30th day of June,* 1903, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,* 1901–1902,' *for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July,* 1901, *to 30th June,* 1902, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July,* 1902, *to the 30th day of June,* 1903, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,* 1901–1902,' *for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July,* 1901, *to 30th June,* 1902, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Appraisement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands; to provide for the appraisement of conditional purchases and conditional leases and homestead selections, and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 17th December, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the State, and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 17th December, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills through all their stages in one day, viz.:—
Municipalities Relief Bill.
Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill.
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill.
Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Eden-Bombala, Mr. Wood, be not further heard.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Bennett,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. MacMahon,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Phillips,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Law,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Willis,
Sir John See,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Gillies,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Coleman.
Mr. Mahony,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Fallick,	

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

Original Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the following Bills through all their stages in one day, viz.:—

Municipalities Relief Bill.
Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill.
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Willis,
Sir John See,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Young,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Power,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Gillies,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. McCoy,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
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Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Nielsen.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Grafton, Sir John See, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.	Noes, 55.	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Sir John See,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Ferguson.	Mr. Burgess,	*Tellers,*
Tellers,	Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Nielsen.	Mr. Power,	Mr. Williams.
	Mr. Scobie,	

And so it passed in the negative.
And Mr. Dick, taking notice that Strangers were present,—
Mr. Deputy-Speaker put the Question,—"That Strangers be ordered to withdraw."
Question,—That Strangers be ordered to withdraw,—put and negatived.

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17. Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill, entitled "Lands Act Amendment Bill of 1902," to so amend the present Acts as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to extend the term of settlement leases; and for other purposes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill, entitled "Lands Act Amendment Bill of 1902," to so amend the present Acts as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to extend the term of settlement leases; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to extend the term of settlement leases; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

18. Municipalities Relief Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hogue, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths*,"—which was read a first time.

Sir John See then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Kidd,
Sir John See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. McLaurin.

Tellers,

Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Oakes.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Tellers,

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Mahony.

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

Question put,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Kidd,
Sir John See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Archer,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Willis,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Evans,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Clara,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Quirk,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Dight,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. John Storey.

Tellers,

Mr. Webster,
Mr. Gillies.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Carroll.

Tellers,

Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Nielsen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hogue, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

Sir John See then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Sir John See moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 25.
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. McCoy,
Sir John See,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Dight,		Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Oakes.	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Nicholson,		Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,		Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Burgess,		Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Evans,		*Tellers,*
Mr. McFarlane,		
Mr. Davis,		Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Clara,		Mr. Webster.

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

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.			Noes, 13.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Ferguson,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Williams,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Edden.	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Dight,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Clara,	Mr. E. M. Clark,		
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Moxham.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1902, a.m.

19. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—OLD BERRIGAN ESTATE :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the purchase of the private land known as the Old Berrigan Estate, under a contract to be made by the Secretary for Lands, being the Minister administering the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, at the price recommended by the Local Land Board of the district in which the said land is situate, as the fair value of the said land, subject to the deductions in the said Act mentioned.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Eden-Bombala, Mr. Wood, be not further heard.

Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Cohen,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Macmahon,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Faltick,	
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Dight,	*Tellers*,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Ferguson,		Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Williams.	Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Nicholson,		Mr. Gormly,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Interruption.

20. Suspension of Standing Orders:—

(1.) Sir John See moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider the expediency of suspending the Standing Orders to enable the Deputy-Speaker to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Sir John See moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the appointment by the Deputy-Speaker of a Temporary Chairman of Committees to take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21. Appointment of Temporary Chairman of Committees to act as Deputy-Speaker:—Sir John See moved,—That Mr. Deputy-Speaker Cann be empowered to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker during the present Session, and the Deputy so called upon shall have and exercise all the powers invested in the Speaker of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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22. Closer Settlement—Old Berrigan Estate:—Question again proposed after the *Interruption* indicated above.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

23. Adjournment:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brunker, Mr. Archibald Campbell, Mr. Crick, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Edden, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Millard, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Reymond, and Mr. Webster,—

Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes after Three o'clock, p.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. City of Sydney Streets Loan Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No.* 189.
Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 18*th December*, 1902.

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

3. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A "Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding "in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the "city of Sydney; and for other purposes,"—through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

4. Dismissal from the Railway Service of Fettlers'-Ganger E. L. Warton:—Mr. Nielsen, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th October, 1902, a.m.
Ordered to be printed.

5. Printing Committee:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

6. Papers:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Registrar of Probates and Curator of Intestate Estates respecting the appointment of a Public Trustee.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Willoughby.
(3.) Bulletin D, respecting the Census of New South Wales.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. Molong Cottage Hospital:—Dr. Ross (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in connection with the Molong Cottage Hospital, laid upon the Table of this House on the 16th December, 1902, and reported upon on the 17th December, 1902, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

8. City of Sydney Streets Loan Bill:—

(1.) Sir John See moved, without Notice, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

> *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Sir John See moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 24.
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Levy,
Sir John See,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Thomson,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McNeill.	Mr. Daniel O'Connor.
Mr. Sullivan,	*Tellers*,	*Tellers*,
Mr. Kelly,		
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Briner.	Mr. Eden George.

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

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time, and on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18*th December*, 1902.

9. GOLD DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

GOLD DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18*th December*, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, line 1. *After* "Governor" *omit* remainder of Title *insert* "to vary the conditions "applicable to certain applications for leases"

Page 1, Preamble, lines 1 to 8. *Omit*

"WHEREAS Charles Lancelot Garland was the first applicant in New South Wales for a lease of an abandoned river bed for the purpose of dredging for gold, and the first to construct and work a bucket dredge for gold-dredging purposes in New South Wales: And whereas it is thought desirable, by way of reward for and encouragement to such pioneering enterprise, to make the conditions relative to the leases mentioned in the Schedule hereto as easy of fulfilment as possible consistent with the public interest:"

Page 2, Preamble, line 1. *Omit* "therefore"

Page 2, clause 2, line 7. *After* "Act" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "all or any of the "applications for leases mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and any leases granted in "respect thereof, shall be held in all respects as if they had been taken up and held "under the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899, and any Act amending the same"

Examined,—
F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

11. GUN LICENSE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the use of guns and firearms in certain cases.
Question put and passed.

12. NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect native animals.
Question put and passed.

13. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Fegan, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Public Accounts Committee.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Tuesday next.
(2.) Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until To-morrow.
(3.) Poisons Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price*];—until To-morrow.
(4.) Dentists Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith*];—until To-morrow.
(5.) Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill (No. 2); second reading. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith*];—until To-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Ryde, Mr. Frank Farnell, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The "necessity for those in authority to develop the marine and inland fisheries of the State, so that "a regular, cheap, and nutritious food supply may be made available for the people."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Arthur Griffith submitted that this subject had already been twice discussed in this Session.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that as the Honorable Member had had at least one opportunity of discussing the subject this Session, he must rule the motion out of order.

16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Macdonell moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (*d*) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Cobar, Mr. Macdonell, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for "an amendment of the Arbitration Act."

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

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Eden George stated that, on page 82 of the Estimates, under the heading Arbitration Court, this subject could have been fully discussed on that item, and submitted that the motion was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that as it was doubtful whether the Honorable Member had had an opportunity of discussing the subject, he would rule the motion to be in order.

Debate, on the motion for adjournment, ensued.

Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	*Tellers,*
Sir John See,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Wood,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. John Storey.	Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Ferguson,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Eden George,		Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nielsen.	Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Gormly.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

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

17. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the* 1*st day of July*, 1902, *to the* 30*th day of June*, 1903, *inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer*, 1901–1902,' *for supplementary charges during the period from* 1*st July*, 1901, *to* 30*th June*, 1902, *inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, W. J. TRICKETT,
Sydney, 18*th December*, 1902. Deputy-President.

(2.) Municipalities Relief Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, W. J. TRICKETT,
Sydney, 18th *December*, 1902. Deputy-President.

(3.) City of Sydney Streets Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds for the wood-blocking of public ways within the city of Sydney; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, W. J. TRICKETT,
Sydney, 18*th December*, 1902. Deputy-President.

18. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments, and an amended Title.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

19. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Fegan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Public Accounts Committee, laid upon the Table of the House this day, be printed.
Question put and passed.

20. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—OLD BERRIGAN ESTATE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this House approves of "the purchase of the private land known as the Old Berrigan Estate, under a contract to be "made by the Secretary for Lands, being the Minister administering the Closer Settlement Act, "1901, at the 'price' recommended by the Local Land Board of the district in which the said "land is situate, as the fair value of the said land, subject to the deductions in the said Act "mentioned."
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. McGowen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "price" and inserting "upon which the Land Tax is paid plus 10 per cent., together with the "amount of improvements as estimated by the Land Board,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Mr. J. Hurley moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question,—That the Question be now put—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question put,—That this House approves of the purchase of the private land known as the Old Berrigan Estate, under a contract to be made by the Secretary for Lands, being the Minister administering the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, at the price recommended by the Local Land Board of the district in which the said land is situate, as the fair value of the said land, subject to the deductions in the said Act mentioned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 44.	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hollis,
Sir John See,	Mr. Frank Farnell.	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Perry,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Moore,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Ferguson.	Mr. Morton,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,		Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. T. R. Smith,		Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Levy,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,		Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Davis,		Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. McFarlane,		Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Chapman,		Mr. Howarth,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. MacMahon,		Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,		Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McNeill,		Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. McLaurin,		Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Price,		Mr. Law,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Quirk,		Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Willis,		Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Meagher,		Mr. Jones,	Mr. Holman.

And so it passed in the negative.

21. LAND TAX (LEASES) BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

22. FISHERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including an amendment in the Title.
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to remodel the law relating to the fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries of New South Wales a single authority; to establish a representative board of advice to advise and assist such authority; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid*,"—including the amendment in the Title.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

23. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act*, 1902."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act*, 1902,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

24. GOLD DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including an amendment in the Title.
On motion of Mr. Kidd, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor to extend the time within which the conditions as to expenditure and employment of labour in respect of certain applications for leases shall be complied with; to vary the conditions applicable to such leases, and to authorise the amalgamation of the same; to fix the rent to be reserved in such leases; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects*,"—including the amendment in the Title.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

25. PUBLIC HEALTH (NIGHT-SOIL REMOVAL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Perry, *passed*.
Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the removal of night-soil, and to amend the Police Offences Act*, 1901."
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of night-soil, and to amend the Police Offences Act*, 1901,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

26. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway from Eden to Bega* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Eden to Bega.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Tramway from Wallsend to West Maitland* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend.
Question put and passed.

(3.) *Hastings River Improvements* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of completing the southern training-wall, and constructing the eastern training-wall and portion of the northern breakwater, in connection with the Hastings River Improvements.
Question put and passed.

(4.) *Improvements, Stewart's Island and Nambucca River* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a training-wall along the eastern side of Stewart's Island, and a breakwater on the southern side of the entrance, Nambucca River.
Question put and passed.

(5.) *Reclamation Works, Hen and Chicken Bay* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out reclamation works at Hen and Chicken Bay, Sydney Harbour.
Question put and passed.

(6.) *Breakwater at Bermagui* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a breakwater at Bermagui.
Question put and passed.

(7.) *Railway from Singleton to Cassilis, with Branch from Denman to Muswellbrook* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Singleton to Cassilis, with a branch from Denman to Muswellbrook.
Question put and passed.

(8.) *Water Supply Works for the City of Grafton and South Grafton* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing water supply works for the city of Grafton and South Grafton.
Question put and passed.

(9.) *Railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Liverpool to Mulgoa.
Question put and passed.

(10.) *Railway from Murwillumbah to the Tweed Heads* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Murwillumbah to the Tweed Heads.
Question put and passed.

(11.) *Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills.
Question put and passed.

(12.) *Breakwater, Cape Hawke Harbour* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of completing the Southern Breakwater, and constructing a portion of an Inner Training-wall and a Breakwater on the northern side of the entrance to Cape Hawke Harbour.
Question put and passed.

(13.) *Railway from Carlingford to Dural* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Carlingford to Dural.
Question put and passed.

(14.) *Railway from Maitland to South Grafton* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

(15.) *Breakwater, Entrance to Clarence River* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a breakwater on the northern side of the entrance to the Clarence River, as recommended by the late Sir John Coode.
Question put and passed.

(16.) *Camden Haven Improvement Works* :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out works in completion of the Camden Haven Harbour Improvement Works.
Question put and passed.

27. Municipal District of Wrightville Naming Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
Ordered that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

28. Postponements:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—
(1.) Remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business.
(2.) Order No. 1 of General Business.

29. North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

30. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3, 6 7, 8, and 10 of General Business postponed until To-morrow.

31. Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brunker Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Brunker, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Brunker moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Brunker, *passed.*
Mr. Brunker then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to repeal the Act* 30 *Victoria, intituled 'An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church'; to authorise the substitution of the name Church of England for the name hitherto used of United Church of England and Ireland; to give legal force and effect to the constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales contained in the Schedule to this Bill; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Act* 30 *Victoria, intituled 'An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church'; to authorise the substitution of the name Church of England for the name hitherto used of United Church of England and Ireland; to give legal force and effect to the constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales contained in the Schedule to this Bill; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902, *a.m.*

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 19 *DECEMBER*, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent in consequence of illness. Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Trust Moneys in temporary possession of the Government:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What amount was paid by way of interest on various trust moneys in temporary possession of the Government for the year ending 30th June, 1902?
(2.) What amount was paid by way of interest on advances by banks in London for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—
(1.) Interest on uninvested Cash Balances at the credit of various Trust Accounts in the temporary possession of the Government, £11,139 10s. 5d.; interest at 3 per cent. on Uninvested Funds at credit of Government Savings Bank in the Treasury, 34 Vic. No. 15, £33,363 6s. 10d.; total, £44,502 17s. 3d.
(2.) £3,459 9s. 8d.

(2.) Destruction of Rats:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) In view of the fact that plague has really broken out in Queensland, will he consider whether it is a wise policy for us to relax our efforts with regard to the destruction of rats?
(2.) If the Government are paying the whole cost of fumigation operations, will he place the whole management under control of the Board of Health?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Fumigation of sewers could not be carried out by the Board of Health, which has on two occasions advised the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage that it has the duty of keeping its sewers free from rats.

(3.) Allowances to Country Police:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Willis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the police in the far back country only receive 6d. a day district allowance, while other Civil Servants receive double or more than that amount?
(2.) In view of the fact that the price of living has risen enormously, will he take into consideration the increasing of the district allowance to the police in such outlying districts?

Sir John See answered,—
(1.) Yes, the allowance to police, for which provision is made on the Estimates, is at 6d. per diem. In some other Departments a larger allowance is paid.
(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

(4.) Government Advertisements:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have prepared and furnished a return giving details of the distribution of advertisements for the months of October, November, and December, as far as practicable, in the towns of Young, Cowra, Forbes, and Grenfell, showing the amount and value of the patronage bestowed on each local paper?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information the Honorable Member desires is as follows:—*Young Chronicle*, 16 advertisements, £5 2s. 1d.; *Burrangong Argus*, 17 advertisements, £4 11s. 11d.; *Cowra Guardian*, 15 advertisements, £5 2s.; *Cowra Free Press*, 16 advertisements, £4 5s. 5d.; *Forbes Gazette*, 14 advertisements, £2 19s. 8d.; *Forbes Times*, 15 advertisements, £6 12s.; *Grenfell Record*, 15 advertisements, £4 11s. 8d.; *Grenfell Vedette*, 12 advertisements, £3 17s.

(5.) Government Employees voting at the recent Municipal Elections:—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Government employees were stopped half a day's pay for voting at the recent municipal elections in Sydney?

(2.) Does not he regard such forfeiture as inimical to public policy?

(3.) Will he promise that the half day's pay shall be restored?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am not aware that such a proceeding occurred. Perhaps the Honorable Member will say who the employees are he refers to, and further inquiries will then be made.

(6.) Establishment of Secondary Schools:—Mr. Holman asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish Secondary Schools at the headquarters of each inspectorate at the beginning of next year, or any subsequent date?

(2.) Are fees to be collected at such schools?

(3.) Will any consideration be extended to persons who have already established institutions where such secondary education can be obtained?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The whole of these matters are at present under consideration.

(7.) Mr. Pollock, Solicitor-General:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are not the duties of Mr. Hugh Pollock, as Solicitor-General, to file or decline to file bills in all committal cases without reference to the Attorney-General; to enter a *nolle prosequi* in any case when required; to conduct prosecutions at his discretion or when required?

(2.) Was Mr. Pollock prosecuting at the sittings of the Criminal Court as Solicitor-General, or under a separate and special commission?

(3.) In how many cases since his appointment has Mr. Pollock filed, or declined to file, bills in committal cases without reference to the Attorney-General?

(4.) In how many cases since Mr. Pollock's appointment has the Attorney-General filed, or declined to file, such bills?

(5.) In how many cases has Mr. Pollock, since his appointment, entered a *nolle prosequi*; in how many cases during the same period has the Attorney-General done so?

Sir John See answered,—I have not received the information up to the present. If I receive it during the evening I will let the Honorable Member know.

(8.) Gold Mining Leases:—Mr. T. H. Griffith asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that good prospects have been obtained by boring operations at Black Range, Albury, some time ago?

(2.) Is he aware that notwithstanding this none of the land has been applied for owing to the high price asked for leases, together with royalty of 5 per cent. on gold obtained?

(3.) Will he withdraw these restrictions to enable miners with moderate means to work the land, in view of the dullness of times and scarcity of employment?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) None of the land has been applied for, but it is all open to lease under the ordinary provisions of the Mining Act, and no royalty is chargeable on the gold.

(3.) On the 6th August, 1901, the reserve which had been made at Black Range was cancelled, and the land has been open to miners since that date.

(9.) Amendment of the Mines Inspection Act:—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he, during the recess, prepare an amendment to the Mines Inspection Act dealing with the issue of certificates to managers and engineers connected with mines, making provision for the admission of experienced men at present unable to obtain certificates?

Mr. Kidd answered,—I will look into the matter very carefully, with a view to seeing whether any amendments consistent with the spirit of the Act should be made.

(10.) Remarks by Mr. Justice Pring:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the following remarks made by His Honor Judge Pring in a recent libel action, and reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*, and *Newcastle Morning Herald*:—

"His Honor asked what was meant by strikes, and the witness replied that it related to "soldiers and police being sent to prevent men picketing to prevent men working for lower wages.

"His Honor said he could not understand it. Surely a man was justified in working for "any wage he chose. Recently he (His Honor) had tried two men who were charged with "carrying away fifteen shearers to prevent them working. He (His Honor) thought it showed "the necessity of a standing army."

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"His Honor: But if the Parliaments of these States began to pass resolutions against the "war while it was proceeding, what sort of effect would that have on the Continent?

"Mr. Blacket: I agree that it would not be right to do so.

"His Honor: It would be a most improper thing to do. The point is whether it is not our "duty as dependencies of the British Crown to hold our tongues until the war is over?"

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"His Honor: They have a perfect right to criticise the way in which the war is being "conducted, but not to decry the war as being unjust and unholy, while it is in progress."

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"His Honor: The point is whether, after the British Government has declared war, it is "not the duty of every public man, and especially a Member of Parliament, to keep quiet until "hostilities are over."

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"He himself would direct the jury that a public man, especially a Member of Parliament, "was liable to be criticised in the very strongest and roughest terms. On the question of sedition, "he would tell them that to charge the British Government with corruption was sedition in the "highest degree. Many a man in years gone by had suffered long terms of imprisonment, if not "lost his head, for less than this?"

(2.) Will he state whether a Judge has the right to use the Supreme Court Bench as a platform from which to give publicity to his political opinions?

(3.) Will he call on Mr. Justice Pring to explain his actions?

Sir John See answered,—I have seen a newspaper report of these proceedings. The practice of Parliament is that the conduct of a Judge can only be discussed upon a direct Notice of Motion.

(11.) Appointments to Positions in the Asylums:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Dr. Sinclair has recently made appointments of men only recently arrived in the State to positions in the asylums, whilst our own people are walking about idle?

(2.) Did he import men under any agreement or promise; if so, do they come within the provisions of the "hatters' case"?

(3.) To whom are proposed appointments to that branch of the Service submitted in the first instance?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane has furnished the following answers:—

(1 and 2.) Appointments to the Hospitals for the Insane are made from the most suitable of those applying, and in no case has any person been imported under agreement or otherwise.

(3.) The appointments are made by the Inspector-General of the Insane on the recommendation of the Medical Superintendents of the hospitals.

(12.) Decisions of the Pharmacy Board:—Mr. Reymond asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General on the question whether there is an appeal to the Supreme Court from decisions arrived at by the Pharmacy Board?

(2.) Is it the practice of the Pharmacy Board to accept and act upon reports from the police or other persons, to the detriment of applicants for registration, without giving such applicants an opportunity of refuting them?

Sir John See answered,—The Pharmacy Board have furnished the following replies:—

(1.) The Supreme Court of New South Wales decided, on the 18th November, 1902, that the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales acted judicially when registering applicants for registration under the Pharmacy Act, and no action for mandamus or damages will lie against any decision of the Board that was given *bona fide*.

(2.) No.

(13.) Contractor George Thomas, of Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay that Contractor George Thomas, of Cargo, has not been paid money due to him for carrying out road contract work?

(2.) Have vouchers been sent in by Mr. Thomas for the work done, and when may he expect payment of the amount now due to him?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A voucher for £62 19s. in favour of Mr. George Thomas is now at the Treasury, and request will be made to expedite payment.

(14.) Proposed Railway, Molong to Peak Hill, *via* Cumnock:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the survey of the proposed railway extension, Molong to Peak Hill, *via* Cumnock, still being proceeded with; if so, the number of miles that have been surveyed, and when the survey is likely to be completed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The 16 miles from Molong to Cumnock have been surveyed, and an alternative line, *via* Bryan's Flat, is now being tried.

(15.) Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the expected revenue from the 1st of July last to the 30th November; also, what was the actual amount received during the same time?

(2.) What was the amount expected to be expended from the 1st of July last to the 30th November; also, what was the actual amount expended from revenue during the same time.

(3.) What was the total sum expended from loans between the 1st July and the 30th November last?

(4.) What amount is expected to be expended from 1st July last to 30th June next from revenue, including all promises made for various objects?

(5.) The same in regard to loans between the same dates?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I regret that there has not been time to prepare the information the Honorable Member desires. I shall, however, have it prepared, and forward it to him within the next few days.

(16.) Boiler Inspectors:—Mr. Dick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have any inspectors been appointed to examine boilers under the provisions of the Coal Mines Act and the Mines Inspection Act?

(2.) What qualifications have been fixed for such positions?

(3.) If none have been appointed, when will he make the appointments?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Thirty-six engineers were granted licenses to test boilers in connection with metalliferous mines under the Mines Inspection Act. Payment is made by fees; no salary.

(2.) The qualifications to test boilers are fixed by section 46 of the Mines Inspection Act. See Regulation 5.

(3.) *Vide* answer to Question No. 1.

(17.) Companies Supplying Coal to the Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The names of the coal companies supplying the Railway Commissioners with coal, including the north, west, and south?

(2.) Also the price per ton charged by each company for round, small, and mixed coal?

Mr. Waddell answered,—There has not been sufficient time to get this information, but I will have it prepared as quickly as possible, and I will send it to the Honorable Member.

(18.) Tin-miners in the Inverell Electorate:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware of the great hardship now being suffered by the tin-miners in the Inverell Electorate owing to sheep from the drought-stricken district being depastured on the mining reserve, eating out the only grass available to the miners' necessary stock, and destroying water required for domestic purposes?

(2.) Is there any prospect of immediate relief, in the direction asked by the miners by petition, being afforded by the Lands Department, as advised by the Mines Department?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to my reply to the Question regarding the same matter asked by him on the 9th instant.

(19.) Roads in the Inverell Electorate:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount allotted for the scheduled roads in the Inverell Electorate for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

(2.) How much of that money was expended?

(3.) What amount of money was granted by him as special grants for roads in the Inverell Electorate for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

(4.) How much of that money was expended?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Portions of three road districts (Inverell, Glen Innes, and Warialda) are in this electorate, so that information required cannot be given without reference to the local officers. I have wired to local officers for the information, and will furnish the replies when received. A copy of the return will be sent by letter to the Honorable Member.

(20.) Flood Relief for the Richmond River:—Mr. Coleman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What action does he intend to take as regards flood relief for the Richmond River?

(2.) Can he now state when he will proceed with the cutting through Fig Tree Bend, Richmond River, promised some years ago?

(3.) What amount is now available for widening and deepening the Richmond River?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The widening of the Tuckombil Flood Escape Drain is now being proceeded with, and will shortly be completed as far as available funds will permit. The Tuckian Flood Escape Bill was rejected by the Legislative Council. The removal of obstructions in the river which prevent the free discharge of flood water has been considered and reported upon, but there are no funds available for this work.

(2.) The cost of making the cutting through the Fig Tree Bend is (apart from the cost of land interfered with) estimated at £11,000, and I am not aware of any promise having been made that this work would be carried out.

(3.) The only amount available for the widening and deepening of the Richmond River is the proportion of the Dredge Vote now being expended by the six dredgers employed on this river and its tributaries. The sum estimated to be expended during this current year amounts to £9,642.

(21.) Printing and Binding of Public School Books:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the printing and binding of Public School books carried out by contract; and, if so, who are the contractors?

(2.) When will the present contract expire?

(3.) Has the Government Printing Office the necessary plant for carrying out this work; and, if so, will he have the work carried out there instead of inviting further tenders, as at present?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes; Messrs. Brooks & Co.

(2.) The contract is in two sections. The first will expire on 31st May, 1903, the second on 31st December, 1903.

(3.) The Government Printer states so. As Messrs. Brooks & Co.'s books have been copyrighted, I cannot transfer the printing to the Government Printing Office.

(22.) Appointment of Stock Inspectors:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many gentlemen who have passed the examination essential to qualify them for appointment as Stock Inspectors are now awaiting vacancies for employment?

Mr. Bennett answered,—The number of gentlemen who have passed the examination, but not yet appointed to positions as Inspectors of Sheep, is twenty-two. Of these there are employed:—Seven as Acting Inspectors of Stock at Queensland border, under the Imported Stock Act; one as Assistant Acting Inspector at Queensland border, under the Imported Stock Act; two as Dairy Inspectors under Board of Health; two as Meat Inspectors under Board of Health; one as Acting Assistant to the Metropolitan Inspector; one as Acting Inspector of Sheep (Cooma); one as Officer-in-Charge of Inoculating Station, Binton Farm, Casino; one as clerk in Stock Branch. The remaining six are not employed under the Government.

(23.) Inmates of Liverpool Asylum:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many of the inmates of Liverpool Asylum are suffering from (*a*) cancer and (*b*) consumption?
(2.) How many of the inmates are confirmed invalids?

Sir John See answered,—The Director of Government Asylums has furnished the following information:—
(1.) (*a*) 40; (*b*) 120.
(2.) 380.

(24.) Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was paid by the Government to the Sydney branch of the Royal Mint (28 Victoria No. 3) for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£14,599 7s. 11d.

(25.) Land Resumed under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was paid for compensation for land taken under the provisions of Act 44 Victoria No. 16, for the year ending 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is impossible to furnish this information without first referring to each Department. Perhaps the Honorable Member will, therefore, move for the information in the form of a return.

(26.) Broken Hill Water Supply:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Considering that Yanco Glen is about 20 miles from Broken Hill, what provisions does he intend to make with regard to conveying the water from the proposed dam at Yanco Gorge to the township; and what would be the estimated cost of the same?
(2.) Is it a fact that a company is registered under the title of The Broken Hill Water Supply Company, Limited; and that that company claims to hold certain water rights and reservoir rights at Yanco Glen, where the Government propose to build in dam, and Yancowinna Creek, and of pipe line to Broken Hill from Yanco Gorge?
(3.) Has this company abandoned all claims to these rights?
(4.) If so, has he entered into any agreement with this company to compensate them for such abandonment, and to what amount?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Water Supply is now at Broken Hill, making preparations to start the work at Yanco Glen.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No.
(4.) No.

(27.) Moore-street Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the City Council has, since the report of Judge Murray, sitting as a Royal Commission, was presented to Parliament, been enforcing the provisions of the Moore-street Improvement Act against the owners of property in the "Improvement Area," and collecting large sums of money from them under threats of legal proceedings, regardless of the fact that such sums must be refunded to these people when the amending Bill, adopting the recommendations of the Royal Commission, promised to be introduced by the Premier, becomes law?
(2.) Will he introduce the proposed Bill or take other measures to prevent a continuance of this oppression before the Session closes, as the City Council has announced its intention of proceeding in a similar manner with respect to the instalments alleged to be due by the owners for the current year?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the City Council has collected several sums of money under the existing Act, more especially from those persons who had allowed the annual amounts to accumulate, while other persons under exactly similar conditions paid regularly without question.

(28.) Application of Mrs. Hamilton Grey to be heard at the Bar of the House:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a circular petition, addressed to Honorable Members of this Assembly by Mrs. Hamilton Grey, in which that lady asks to be heard at the Bar of the House on the State Children's Relief Bill?
(2.) When that measure is before this House, will he give the lady the privilege desired?

Sir John See answered,—I am perplexed about giving an answer to this Question. I do not think it will be possible for the lady in question to appear at the Bar of the House this Session. There is nothing to prevent the Honorable Member from having his lady friend put into training for an appearance at the Bar next Session.

(29.) Stipendiary Magistrates:—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Attorney-General has written to one or more Stipendiary Magistrates of the metropolis, forbidding them to make any general observations from the Bench?

Sir John See answered,—A letter has been written to one of the Stipendiary Magistrates, informing him that it is not fitting that criticisms of the administration of justice should be made by Magistrates from the Bench. Representations of this sort should be made to the Minister.

(30.) Royalties and Licenses on Timber:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What is the amount of revenue derived from royalties and licenses for timber since 2nd July last?
(2.) Does the Government intend to endeavour to pass the Forestry Bill this Session?
(3.) If not, does he intend to reduce the royalties on hewn timber, as promised by the Honorable W. Bennett in August last?

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Mr. Bennett answered,—
(1.) Royalties, £11,946 15s. 10d.; licenses, £1,748. Total, £13,694 15s. 10d.
(2.) It is feared that time will not permit.
(3.) Yes.

(31.) Remarks of Judge on Proceedings in Parliament:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Referring to the recent libel case, Griffiths *versus* a Newcastle newspaper proprietary, and apart from the merits or demerits of the case, has his attention been drawn to the remarks of the Judge on the proceedings of Parliament?
(2.) If this proceeding is allowed, will it in turn be competent for Members of the Assembly to discuss the actions of Judges in their judicial capacity?

Sir John See answered,—I invite my honorable friend's attention to the reply given by me to-day to Question Number 10, asked by the Honorable Member for Rylstone, and I want to add further that I really have no power to interfere in the matter. One can have their own opinions as to what a Judge should and should not do. I think that Judges sometimes exceed their duties in the conduct of these cases.

(32.) Detention of Hatters by the Federal Government:—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether, in view of the fact that the six hatters said to be engaged by Mr. Anderson were detained for some days on the s.s. "Orontes," he will ascertain why a similar course was not adopted by the Federal authorities to detain Mr. Thomas Rooke, A.M.I.C.E., who arrived under engagement to the Sydney Municipal Council as the Resident Electrical Engineer?

Sir John See answered,—I can scarcely take this Question seriously; therefore I decline to answer it.

3. Papers:—
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Completion of the Mosman Sewerage—Third Division.
(2.) Paper read by W. A. Smith, Esq., M.Inst.C.E., before the Sydney University Engineering Society, respecting the treatment of drift sand as applied to the Bondi Sand Dunes.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Gold-dredging Leases at Nowra.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. Carriage of Newspapers on Government Railways:—Mr. Arthur Griffith, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 20th June, 1902, a.m., together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

5. Municipal District of Wrightville Naming Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of Gladstone.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of Gladstone*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Totalizator Bill [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] postponed until Wednesday next.

7. Claim of Mr. John Leonard against the Public Works Department:—Mr. Holman, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th June, 1902, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

8. Suspension of Standing Orders:—
(1.) Mr Frank Farnell, pursuant to Standing Order No. 395, moved, That it is a matter of urgency that the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended, in order to allow of the passage of the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill through all its stages in one day.

Disorder:—The Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, having disregarded Mr. Deputy-Speaker's calls to order, was, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms from the Chamber.

Question put,—That it is a matter of urgency that the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended, in order to allow of the passage of the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Bill through all its stages in one day.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 66.			Noes, 9.
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Sir John See,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Bennett,	*Tellers,*
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Williams
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Quirk,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Mackenzie.	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Wright,	*Tellers,*	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Clara,		
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Whiddon,	Mr. Jessep.	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gormly,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Farnell then moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as will admit of the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill being passed through its remaining stages at the present sitting.
Question put and passed.

9. North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Farnell, *passed.*
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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10. Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed.*
Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate a certain loan to the Municipal Council of Burwood, and all securities for such loan.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate a certain loan to the Municipal Council of Burwood, and all securities for such loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 19*th December,* 1902.

11. Jury (Amendment) Bill:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

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On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Meagher, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Perry, *passed.*
Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Jury Act*, 1901, *and to validate certain jury lists.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Jury Act*, 1901, *and to validate certain jury lists*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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12. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Tramway from East to West Maitland, and on to Stanford, Merthyr, and Pelaw Main Collieries*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from East to West Maitland and on to the Stanford, Merthyr, and Pelaw Main Collieries.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as will admit of the consideration and the passing through all its remaining stages at the present sitting of the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moore,	*Tellers,*
Sir John See,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. D. R. Hall.	Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	*Tellers,*	Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Miller,		Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Hollis.	Mr. Barnes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And Mr. Griffith proceeding to submit another motion,—
Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Waratah, Mr. Arthur Griffith, be not further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 43.		
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Carroll,	Sir John See,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. John Hurley.	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. D. R. Hall.	
Tellers,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Young,	*Tellers,*	
	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,		
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Moxham.	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Webster.	

And so it passed in the negative.

Interruption:

Interruption :

15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate a certain loan to the Municipal Council of Burwood, and all securities for such loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Municipal District of Wrightville Naming Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of Gladstone,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(3.) North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

(4.) Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act*, 1902,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902.

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19*th December*, 1902.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 6. *Omit* "supplemental" *insert* "supplementary"
Page 3, clause 7, line 23. *Omit* "whether"
Page 3, clause 7, line 24. *Omit* "the Principal Act or"
Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered,—That the Legislative Council's Message be forthwith taken into consideration.

On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Legislative Council's amendments in the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Conor, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act*, 1902."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19*th December*, 1902.

Disorder :—By direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms re-admitted Mr. E. M. Clark. Mr. Clark then explained his conduct, and apologised.

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only twelve Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Broughton, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Jones, Mr. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Sir John See, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wood,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

J. H. CANN,
Deputy-Speaker.

PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit.

(L.S.)

HARRY H. RAWSON, *Governor.*

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

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the third day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN SEE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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1902.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 20 DECEMBER, 1902.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting model dwellings for waterside workers at Windmill-street, near Miller's Point.
2. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is expedient that the proposed deviation on the Great Western Railway line, to avoid the Lithgow Zigzag, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out as recommended by the said Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Crick.*]
2. Gun License Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the use of guns and firearms in certain cases. [*Sir John See.*]
3. Travelling Stock Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Crick.*]
4. Parliamentary Elections (Distribution) Bill; second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
5. Navigation (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Navigation Act, 1901. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
6. Statute of Limitations Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
7. Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
8. Miners' Accident Relief Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
9. Closer Settlement Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
10. Public Service (Superannuation) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
11. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
12. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
13. Constitution Convention Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for establishing a Convention to consider the amendment of the Constitution of New South Wales; and for other purposes. [*Sir John See.*]
14. State Children's Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Perry.*]
15. Issue of Process at Country Towns Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
16. Liquor Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
17. Assignment of Debts and Choses in Action Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
18. Defamation (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
19. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
20. Law of Property Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
21. Municipal Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Sir John See.*]
22. Coal Mines Regulation (Use of Safety-lamps and Explosives) Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, with respect to the use of safety-lamps and explosives. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
23. Dairy Industry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
24. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
25. Henry Waite Bequest Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Director of the Government Asylums for the Infirm to pay to the Parramatta District Hospital and the Parramatta Benevolent Society, in equal shares, certain moneys received and receivable by him under the will of the late Henry Waite. [*Sir John See.*]
26. Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
27. Fertilizers Adulteration Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
28. Mines (Eight Hours) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kidd.*]

29. Vines and Vegetation Diseases (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
30. Forestry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Crick.*]
31. Stock Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stock Act, 1901. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
32. Justices (Fees) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
33. Official Shorthand Writers Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
34. District Courts and Small Debts Recovery Acts Amending Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
35. Artesian Wells (Leasing) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the leasing of artesian wells and works connected therewith, and land adjacent thereto; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, those objects. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
36. Sheriff (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
37. Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
38. Moore-street Improvement (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
39. Sydney Mint (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Mint Act of 1865. [*Sir John See.*]
40. Life Assurance (Administration) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise life assurance companies to distribute certain moneys payable under or in respect of life policies. [*Sir John See.*]
41. Factories and Shops Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Perry.*]
42. Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Perry.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. E. M. Clark to move,—
   (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Wesley Pidgeon, for a refund of deposit under section 25 of the Electoral Act of 1880.
   (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Evans, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.

2. Mr. E. M. Clark to move,—
   (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the resignation and claims of James McKeown, late of the Lands Department.
   (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Howarth, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Moxham, and the Mover.

3. Mr. Arthur Griffith to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
   (1.) The name and salary of the outside officer in charge of each of the following day-labour works, viz.:—(*a*) Art Gallery additions; (*b*) repairs, Darlinghurst Court-house; (*c*) new Fisher library; (*d*) alterations, Administrative Block, and foundations, proposed new pavilions, Prince Alfred Hospital; (*e*) new female prison and penitentiary, Long Bay; (*f*) new Central railway station; (*g*) cemetery, La Perouse; (*h*) new car-shed, Fort Macquarie; (*i*) new Post Office, Newcastle.
   (2.) The name and salary of each of the subordinate officers and leading hands under each outside officer-in-charge.
   (3.) The name of the foreman of the stonemasons in the shed at Pyrmont Quarry, and what salary he receives.
   (4.) The name of the assistant foreman or leading hand, if any, in the shed at Pyrmont Quarry, and what salary he receives.

4. Mr. Moore to move, That, with the twofold object of helping to relieve the distress caused by the drought and promoting the development of our mineral resources, this House is of opinion that the Prospecting Vote should be increased by at least £10,000.

5. Mr. Broughton to move,—
   (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Police Force as regards the organisation of the Detective Department and the plain-clothes police.
   (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Power, Mr. Carroll, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.

6. Mr. Sullivan to move,—
   (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Thomas G. Wright for a gratuity from the Police Department of New South Wales.
   (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Daley, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Wright, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Fegan, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.

7. Mr. Dick to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of James Ross, Pilot "Boatman," brought up on the 17th December, 1902, be now adopted.

8. Mr. Affleck to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
   (1.) The total amount of money voted by Parliament, and the total amount paid out of such Votes in each electorate of this State for roads and bridges for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1901, and the twelve months ending 30th June, 1902, specifying separately the sums expended from the Roads and Bridges Vote, as given in the Schedules, and that given as special grants.
   (2.) The total amount paid for other public works (exclusive of roads and bridges) in each electorate of this State for the years ending 30th June, 1901, and 1902, separately.

9. Mr. Carruthers to move, That the following statement made by the Honorable Member for Cowra, Mr. T. W. Waddell, and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 8th instant, is a libel upon the Honorable Member for St. George and other Members of this House in respect of their conduct in the actual transaction of certain business of this House, namely, the consideration of the Land Tax (Leases) Bill, and, as such, constitutes a breach of its privileges:—"Now, the objections taken by those in the Opposition who were against the "measure were undoubtedly of an obstructive character. For instance, Mr. Carruthers and "others complained that if the Bill was passed in its present form the principle of taxation on "unimproved land values would, so far as the owners of the land were concerned, have been "abrogated. In reply to him, I over and over again stated that I would be quite willing to "either put in an amendment myself, or accept one from him, making it absolutely certain that "the tax would only be imposed upon the unimproved value. But, notwithstanding this "assurance, Mr. Carruthers and those with him refused to accept my offer, and still harped on "the same thing as to the unimproved value taxation not being carried out. . . . . The "statements that were made by those who opposed the Bill, that it interfered with the principles "of the present law, were fallacious from beginning to end, and were either made from "unpardonable ignorance, or were wilfully uttered to obstruct the Government, and prevent it "from adding one more useful measure to its programme."

10. Mr. Meagher to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the action of the Government in closing a certain road running through the land of James McIlfatrick, and cutting off access to water, and subjecting him to loss and damage.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Davis, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Law, Mr. Edden, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Young, and the Mover.

11. Mr. Meagher to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for defining the privileges, immunities, and powers of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales respectively.

12. Mr. Webster to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a court should be established to review and tax the charges of land agents dealing with the public estate, to prevent extortion and correct other abuses in connection therewith.

13. Mr. Webster to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when Members of this Legislature should cease to act as land agents dealing with the public estate, also that the Minister for Lands should refuse to confer with Members on land matters outside of their own electorate.

14. Mr. Gilbert to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the claims for pensions of the following men, late of the New South Wales R.A.A., viz., T. Weaver, E. Coulter, W. Bowman, C. F. Lindsell.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Dick, Mr. Wood, Mr. Edden, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Millard, and the Mover.

15. Mr. Broughton to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the better housing of the working-classes in and around Sydney.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Power, Mr. Daley, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Jones, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.

16. Mr. Chapman to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Charles Ernest Mayes for compensation in respect of an action brought against him by Alexander Amos in connection with the sinking of a Government artesian bore at Tulloona.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nelson, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Morton, Mr. J. C. L Fitzpatrick, Mr. MacMahon, Mr. Pyers, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.

17. Mr. Haynes to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the relation of the Presbyterian Church Property Management Amendment Bill to certain existing Presbyterian Church Trusts.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Nelson, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Oakes, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Power, Mr. Affleck, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Levy, and the Mover.

18. Mr. Haynes to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any new land measure introduced to this House provision should be made with respect to the Land Boards, whereby at least two members of the Boards may be rendered elective.

19. Mr. Haynes to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for voting by post in certain cases; and for removing other disabilities against the free exercise of the franchise.

20. Mr. Fallick to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The number of men employed in the Public Works Department under the day-labour system on the days prior to the following days in the present year: Day of Humiliation and Prayer, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and St. Patrick's Day.
(2.) The number of men who received the holidays and were paid for the same, each day separately.
(3.) The number of men who worked on the above-mentioned days; and the amount, if any, they were paid above the ordinary rate of wages, each day separately.
(4.) The total cost of paying for these four holidays, giving each day separately.

21. Mr. Donaldson to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Travers Jones to dig and search for gold on selected lands on the Adelong Creek proclaimed goldfield, and the cause of operations being suspended on his alluvial mine, Adelong Creek.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Gormly, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.

22. Mr. E. M. Clark to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The annual amount of revenue received from each electorate of the State, to the end of the financial year 1901-2, in respect to land tax.
(2.) The annual amount of revenue received from each electorate of the State, to the end of the financial year 1901-2, in respect to land revenue of all kinds.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
2. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a third time."
3. Poisons Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Price.*]
4. Dentists Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith.*]
5. Savings Bank of New South Wales (Amendment) Bill (No. 2); second reading. [*Mr. Arthur Griffith.*]
6. Trade Union Amending Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kelly.*]
7. Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
8. Stage-carriages Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
9. Claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Office; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That the Report of the Select Committee on "'Claims of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Office,' brought up on "14th November, 1902, be now adopted."
10. Sunday Trading Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading. [*Mr. Meagher.*]
11. Seamen's Accident Relief Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for allowances to sailors injured by accidents whilst following their occupation, and the relatives of persons killed or injured by such accidents; for that purpose to provide for contributions by owners of ships and persons employed in or about the same and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and for purposes incidental to, or consequent upon, those objects. [*Mr. Sullivan.*]
12. Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton.*]
13. Coal Mines Regulation (Certificates of Service and Inspection of Mines) Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Estell.*]
14. Conveyancing Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Sullivan.*]
15. Coal Mines (Payment of Wages) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
16. Goods Detention Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law in relation to the detention of goods. [*Mr. Sullivan.*]
17. The Legislative Council; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for a reform of the Constitution of this "State in the direction of placing the Government of the country entirely in the hands of the "elected representatives of the people, and that to attain this object it is necessary that the "Legislative Council should be 'abolished'."
Upon which Mr. Moore had moved to leave out the word "abolished" and insert the word "elected,"—instead thereof.
18. Servants Registry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Anderson.*]
19. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Acts Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ashton.*]
20. Legal Practitioners Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Meagher.*]
21. Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill; second reading. [*Dr. Ross.*]
22. Newspaper Articles Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
23. Absentee Tax; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That, in the "opinion of this House, 'the financial condition of this State demands that' an absentee tax should "be forthwith imposed to compel persons living abroad, and drawing their incomes from property "in New South Wales, to contribute their proper quota towards the revenue of the State."
Upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved to leave out the words "the financial condition of this "State demands that"
24. Wages for Railway and Tramway Employees and Police; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, "That, in the opinion of this House, the minimum rate of wages for railway and "tramway employees and police should be '7's. a day."
Upon which Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick had moved to leave out the figure "7" and insert the figure "8,"—instead thereof.
25. Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 20th December, 1902.

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT DURING THE SESSION OF 1902.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Affleck, William, Esq.	51	56	4	111
Anderson, George, Esq.	79	123	6	211
Archer, William, Esq.	87	88	.....	175
Ashton, James, Esq.	57	57	1	115
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq.	51	47	1	99
Bennett, The Hon. Walter, Esq.	78	100	.....	178
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	88	104	1	193
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	57	46	2	105
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq.	79	69	5	153
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	78	73	2	153
Byrne, Francis Arthur, Esq.	32	21	1	54
Campbell, Alexander, Esq.	43	51	.....	94
Campbell, Archibald, Esq.	35	22	1	58
Cann, John Henry, Esq. (*Chairman of Committees*)	73	.....	2	75
Carroll, James George, Esq.	76	73	4	153
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq.	42	57	1	100
Chapman, Albert Edward, Esq.	40	56	1	97
Clara, Patrick James, Esq.	59	38	1	98
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	62	43	1	106
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	85	74	.....	159
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	70	90	3	163
Coleman, John William, Esq.	85	99	1	185
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq.	77	92	.....	169
Crick, The Hon. William Patrick, Esq.	75	66	1	142
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	42	63	3	108
Daley, William Michael, Esq.	59	51	.....	110
Davidson, Robert, Esq.	89	112	1	202
Davis, William Walter, Esq.	64	66	.....	130
Dick, William Thomas, Esq.	41	38	.....	79
Dight, Charles Hilton, Esq.	76	56	2	134
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	44	58	.....	102
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	89	80	7	176
Estell, John, Esq.	68	79	2	149
Evans, Joseph George, Esq.	73	76	.....	149
Fallick, James, Esq.	98	106	2	206
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	35	48	2	85
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	86	86	2	174
Ferguson, William John, Esq.	79	78	.....	157
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. (*Temporary-Chairman of Committees*)	91	65	6	162
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq.	66	41	.....	107
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	23	46	1	70
George, Eden, Esq.	28	37	5	70
Gilbert, Owen, Esq.	77	97	5	179
Gillies, John, Esq.	59	65	.....	124
Gormly, James, Esq.	48	47	1	96
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq.	66	45	5	116
Griffith, Thomas Hunter, Esq.	34	25	.....	59
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	56	82	.....	138
Hall, David Robert, Esq.	57	66	.....	123
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	36	33	.....	69
Hayes, The Hon. James, Esq.	34	34	.....	68
Haynes, John, Esq.	39	17	.....	56
Hogue, James Alexander, Esq. (*Temporary-Chairman of Committees*)	57	57	3	117
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	92	119	3	214
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	27	67	.....	94
Howarth, George, Esq.	12	23	.....	35
Hurley, John, Esq.	68	63	4	135
Hurley, William Fergus, Esq.	118	141	3	262
Jessep, Thomas, Esq.	91	95	4	190
Jones, George Alfred, Esq. (*from 5th June*, 1902)	93	104	2	199
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	80	67	4	151
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq.	82	120	3	205

	Divisions in the House	Divisions in Committee	Counts-out.	Total.
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	76	80	4	160
Law, Sydney James, Esq. (*Temporary-Chairman of Committees*) (*Resigned 18th November. From 9th December*)	64	43	.....	107
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	14	24	.....	38
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	42	23	.....	65
Levy, Daniel, Esq.	80	94	5	179
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	51	63	1	115
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq.	39	52	1	92
Macdonell, Donald, Esq.	69	85	2	156
MacKenzie, Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins, Esq.	58	74	1	133
MacMahon, Michael John, Esq.	65	88	.....	153
Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	53	60	.....	113
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. (*Speaker*)	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	65	73	2	140
McFarlane, John, Esq.	79	52	.....	131
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	95	78	3	176
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	47	48	.....	95
McNeill, John, Esq.	105	103	2	210
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. (*Temporary-Chairman of Committees*)	66	25	1	92
Millard, William, Esq.	62	93	3	158
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	46	91	2	139
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	75	77	4	156
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	76	107	2	185
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	59	61	1	121
Nelson, Arthur David Esq.	49	45	.....	94
Newman, Henry William, Esq.	33	13	.....	46
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	68	54	2	124
Nielsen, Niel Rasmus Wilson, Esq.	71	66	2	139
Nobbs, John, Esq.	103	120	2	225
Norton, John, Esq.	35	16	3	54
Oakes, Charles William, Esq.	63	72	1	136
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	63	82	5	150
O'Conor, Broughton Barnabas, Esq. (*Temporary-Chairman of Committees*)	40	44	2	86
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William, Esq.	106	117	6	229
Perry, The Hon. John, Esq.	92	105	5	202
Phillips, Simeon, Esq.	52	49	.....	101
Power, John Joseph, Esq.	68	83	1	152
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	37	34	.....	71
Pyers, Robert, Esq.	51	42	.....	93
Quinn, Patrick Edward, Esq.	52	44	.....	96
Quirk, Ellison Wentworth, Esq.	58	72	.....	130
Reymond, Joseph Bernard, Esq.	18	34	1	53
Richards, Edwin, Esq.	21	23	.....	49
Rose, Thomas, Esq.	43	41	1	85
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	11	40	2	53
Scobie, Robert, Esq.	71	41	1	113
See, The Hon. John, Esq.	97	102	3	202
Sleath, Richard, Esq.	50	63	2	115
Smith, James Francis, Esq.	96	116	3	215
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	66	49	.....	115
Storey, David, Esq.	27	13	3	43
Storey, John, Esq.	100	97	1	198
Sullivan, Philip Hurley, Esq.	66	74	1	141
Thomson, John, Esq.	72	93	1	166
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas, Esq.	93	105	3	201
Walsh, Raymond Joseph, Esq.	3	5	.....	8
Webster, William, Esq.	98	89	2	189
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas, Esq.	10	16	.....	26
Williams, William John, Esq.	69	92	3	164
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq.	21	15	.....	36
Winchcombe, Frederick Earle, Esq.	42	43	1	86
Wood, William Herbert, Esq.	60	53	6	119
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq.	58	38	.....	96
Young, William White, Esq.	96	95	4	195

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES DURING THE SESSION OF 1902.

1. New Writs issued			3
2. Select Committees :—			
On Public Matters	15		
On Private Bills	1		
			16
3. Standing Committees			5
4. Public Bills :—			
Originated in the Assembly—			
Received the Royal Assent	36		
Reserved	1		
Otherwise disposed of	71		
		108	
Brought from the Council—			
Received the Royal Assent	62		
Otherwise disposed of	13		
		75	183
5. Private Bills :—			
Originated in the Assembly—			
Received the Royal Assent	1		
Otherwise disposed of	1		
		2	
Brought from the Council—			
Received the Royal Assent	5		
Otherwise disposed of	2		
		7	9
6. Petitions received :—			
Printed	273		
Not Printed	2		
			275
7. Divisions :—			
In the House	118		
In Committee of the Whole	141		
			259
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—			
Days of Meeting			93
Hours of Sitting			915 h. 9 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight			244 h. 34 m.
Daily Average			9 h. 52 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—			
Before commencement of Business	0		
After commencement of Business	12		
			12
9. Votes and Proceedings			93
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—			
Of Business done	1,224		
Of Questions answered	1,395		
			2,619
Daily Average			28
Entries in Notice Paper—			
Of Questions	2,273		
Of Notices of Motion	5,908		
Of Orders of the Day	5,962		
Of Contingent Notices	0		
			14,143
Daily Average			152
10. Contingent Notice Papers			9
11. Orders for Papers			28
12. Addresses for Papers			1
13. Other Addresses			5
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—			
By Message	69		
By Command	546		
In Return to Orders	28		
In Return to Addresses	1		
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	40		
			684
Ordered to be Printed	243		
Not ordered to be Printed	441		
			684

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15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1902, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
					h. m.	h. m.	
1	28 May	Wednesday	12 noon 4 o'clock p.m.	12·19 o'clock p.m. 11· 5 " "	0 19 7 5	...	14
2	29 "	Thursday	4 " "	10·55 " "	6 55	...	6
3	4 June	Wednesday	4 " "	11·17 " "	7 17	...	9
4	5 "	Thursday	4 " "	12· 3 " a.m	8 3	0 3	6
5	10 "	Tuesday	4 " "	12· 3 " "	8 3	0 3	7
6	11 "	Wednesday	4 " "	1·25 " "	9 25	1 25	6
7	12 "	Thursday	4 " "	7·42 " p.m.	27 42	19 42	7
8	17 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11·38 " "	7 38	...	18
9	18 "	Wednesday	4 " "	6·55 " "	2 55	...	34
10	19 "	Thursday	4 " "	2·12 " a.m.	10 12	2 12	16
11	24 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11·33 " p.m.	7 33	...	11
12	25 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11·20 " "	7 20	...	15
13	26 "	Thursday	4 " "	9·55 " "	5 55	...	13
14	1 July	Tuesday	4 " "	11 " "	7 0	...	19
15	2 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11·30 " "	7 30	...	15
16	3 "	Thursday	4 " "	3· 5 " a.m.	11 5	3 5	8
17	8 "	Tuesday	4 " "	8·43 " p.m.	4 43	...	11
18	9 "	Wednesday	4 " "	2·50 " a.m.	10 50	2 50	10
19	10 "	Thursday	4 " "	11 " p.m.	7 0	...	9
20	15 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11· 3 " "	7 3	...	10
21	16 "	Wednesday	4 " "	1·44 " a.m.	9 44	1 44	10
22	17 "	Thursday	4 " "	5·35 " "	13 35	5 35	34
23	22 "	Tuesday	4 " "	10·50 " p.m.	6 50	...	14
24	23 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12·25 " a.m.	8 25	0 25	10
25	24 "	Thursday	4 " "	12·48 " "	8 48	0 48	9
26	29 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11· 7 " p.m.	7 7	...	15
27	30 "	Wednesday	4 " "	6·21 " a.m.	14 21	6 21	15
28	31 "	Thursday	4 " "	5·15 " p.m.	1 15	...	10
29	5 August	Tuesday	4 " "	11·51 " "	7 51	...	7
30	6 "	Wednesday	4 " "	4 " a.m.	12 0	4 0	25
31	7 "	Thursday	4 " "	11·34 " p.m.	7 34	...	16
32	12 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11·45 " "	7 45	...	8
33	13 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10·20 " "	6 20	...	54
34	14 "	Thursday	4 " "	5· 5 " a.m.	13 5	5 5	49
35	19 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11· 5 " p.m.	7 5	...	9
36	20 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11·36 " "	7 36	...	15
37	21 "	Thursday	4 " "	12·55 " a.m.	8 55	0 55	12
38	26 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11·15 " p.m.	7 15	...	8
39	27 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11·41 " "	7 41	...	11
40	28 "	Thursday	4 " "	3·48 " a.m	11 48	3 48	8
41	2 September	Tuesday	4 " "	12·17 " "	8 17	0 17	12
42	3 "	Wednesday	4 " "	2 45 " "	10 45	2 45	9
43	4 "	Thursday	4 " "	4·48 " "	12 48	4 48	21
44	9 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11·15 " p.m.	7 15	...	26
45	10 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11·20 " "	7 20	...	11
46	11 "	Thursday	4 " "	5·10 " a.m.	13 10	5 10	9
47	16 "	Tuesday	4 " "	9·30 " p.m.	5 30	...	6
48	17 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12·40 " a.m.	8 40	0 40	6
49	18 "	Thursday	4 " "	4·28 " "	12 28	4 28	13
50	23 "	Tuesday	4 " "	3· 5 " "	11 5	3 5	9
51	24 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12·42 " "	8 42	0 42	16
52	25 "	Thursday	4 " "	12·34 " "	8 34	0 34	9
53	30 "	Tuesday	4 " "	4·51 " p.m.	0 51	...	3
54	1 October	Wednesday	4 " "	12· 3 " a.m.	8 3	0 3	2
55	2 "	Thursday	4 " "	4·45 " "	12 45	4 45	2
56	7 "	Tuesday	4 " "	7· 5 " p.m.	3 5	...	10
57	8 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11·39 " "	7 39	...	8
58	9 "	Thursday	4 " "	11·25 " "	7 25	...	9
59	14 "	Tuesday	4 " "	9· 8 " "	5 8	...	5
60	15 "	Wednesday	4 " "	1·35 " a.m.	9 35	1 35	11
61	16 "	Thursday	4 " "	6·25 " "	26 25	18 25	6
62	21 "	Tuesday	4 " "	12·16 " "	8 16	0 16	7
63	22 "	Wednesday	4 " "	4·45 " "	12 45	4 45	9
64	23 "	Thursday	4 " "	10·28 " p.m.	30 23	22 28	8
65	28 "	Tuesday	4 " "	10 " "	6 0	...	10
66	29 "	Wednesday	4 " "	2·27 " a.m.	10 27	2 27	22
67	30 "	Thursday	4 " "	9· 5 " p.m.	29 5	21 5	8
68	4 November	Tuesday	4 " "	7·18 " "	3 18	...	10
69	5 "	Wednesday	4 " "	4·15 " a.m.	12 15	4 15	13
70	6 "	Thursday	4 " "	9·10 " "	17 10	9 10	9
71	11 "	Tuesday	4 " "	12·49 " "	8 49	0 49	9
72	12 "	Wednesday	4 " "	1·35 " "	9 35	1 35	15
73	13 "	Thursday	4 " "	2·25 " "	10 25	2 25	16
74	14 "	Friday	2·30 " "	11 " p.m.	8 30	...	7
75	18 "	Tuesday	4 " "	1·58 " a.m.	9 58	1 58	10
76	19 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10·38 " p.m.	6 38	...	9
77	20 "	Thursday	4 " "	2·50 " a.m.	10 50	2 50	12

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
					h. m.	h. m.	
78	21 November ...	Friday	2·30 o'clock p.m.	10·55 o'clock p.m.	8 25	...	5
79	25 „ ...	Tuesday	4 „ „	2·23 „ a.m.	10 23	2 23	14
80	26 „ ...	Wednesday.....	4 „ „	1·58 „ „	9 58	1 58	14
81	27 „ ...	Thursday	4 „ „	2·13 „ „	10 13	2 13	5
82	28 „ ..	Friday	2·30 „ „	5·38 „ p.m.	3 8	...	22
83	2 December.....	Tuesday	4 „ „	11·28 „ „	7 28	...	22
84	3 „	Wednesday.....	4 „ „	2·30 „ a.m.	10 30	2 30	9
85	4 „	Thursday	4 „ „	1·10 „ „	9 10	1 10	14
86	5 „	Friday	2·30 „ „	5·53 „ p.m.	3 23	...	12
87	9 „	Tuesday	4 „ „	4·15 „ a.m.	12 15	4 15	16
88	10 „	Wednesday.....	4 „ „	3·39 „ „	11 39	3 39	13
89	11 „	Thursday	4 „ „	12·40 „ „	32 40	24 40	24
90	16 „	Tuesday	4 „ „	1·36 „ „	9 36	1 36	20
91	17 „	Wednesday.....	4 „ „	3· 5 „ „	23 5	15 5	23
92	18 „	Thursday	4 „ „	5·44 „ „	13 44	5 44	31
93	19 „	Friday	2·30 „ „	8·30 „ p.m.	6 0	...	16
		Total			918 9	244 34	1,224

Average length of sitting daily, 9 hours 50 minutes.

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