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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1910.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at half-past Ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Proclamations of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the nineteenth day of May, 1910, and the thirteenth day of June, 1910, respectively.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read copies of the said Proclamations, as follow:—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable FREDERIC  
“ TO WIT. } JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight Commander of the Most  
“ (L.S.) } Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of  
“ CHELMSFORD, } the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the  
“ Governor. } Commonwealth of Australia.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of May, instant: Now, I, FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June next: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid fourteenth day of June next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative 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 Sydney, this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

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

“ GOD SAVE THE KING !

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable FREDERIC  
“ TO WIT. } JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight Commander of the Most  
“ (L.S.) } Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of  
“ CHELMSFORD, } the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the  
“ Governor. } Commonwealth of Australia.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales has been called together for the despatch of business in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney, and the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly are required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly, at twelve o'clock at noon, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June instant: And whereas the Constitution Act, 1902, provides that the Governor may change or vary the time fixed for holding every Session of the Legislative Council and Assembly as he may judge advisable and most consistent with general convenience and the public welfare, giving sufficient notice thereof: Now, I, FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, the Governor of the said State, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me as such Governor, do hereby change or vary the time fixed as aforesaid from twelve o'clock at noon to half-past ten of the clock in the forenoon of the said fourteenth day of June instant: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid fourteenth day of June instant, at half past ten of the clock in the forenoon, in the buildings known as the Legislative 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 last-mentioned time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,  
“ CHARLES W. OAKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE KING !”

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

The House went, and the President said :—

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

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

“George V, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting :

“WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the thirteenth day of June instant, His Excellency the Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of our said State, by virtue of an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being ‘An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution,’ proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June instant :—And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session : Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable John Hughes, Vice-President of our Executive Council of our said State, and the Honorable William Joseph Trickett, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said State, give and grant, by the tenor of these presents, unto the said Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, John Hughes, and William Joseph Trickett, so being such President, and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said fourteenth day of June or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name, or in the name of our Governor of our said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay ; Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, John Hughes, and William Joseph Trickett, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

“Witness our right trusty and well-beloved FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the first year of our reign.

“CHELMSFORD,

“Governor.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“W. H. WOOD.”

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

The President said :—

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor to let you know that our late Most Gracious Sovereign, His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, departed this life at Buckingham Palace on the sixth day of May, 1910, and that on the seventh day of May, 1910, His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth was duly and lawfully proclaimed King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Supreme Lord in and over this State of New South Wales, whereof public proclamation and due notification were fully and lawfully made within this State on the 9th May, 1910. We have it further in command to let you know that, after the Members of both Houses shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Session of Parliament will be declared to you.”

And the House being returned, —

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3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the State, authorising the Honorable Charles Gregory Wade, Attorney-General, the Honorable William McCourt, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee, Secretary for Public Works, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission the Clerk read, as follows:—

*“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
“ Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 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, FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable Charles Gregory Wade, Attorney-General, the Honorable William McCourt, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee, Secretary for Public Works, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales, aforesaid, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

“ CHELMSFORD,  
“ Governor.

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

4. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honorable Charles Gregory Wade took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable William McCourt, and the Honorable Charles Alfred Lee, and then the Commissioners administered the Oath to all the other Members present, as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—Richard Arthur, Esquire, M.D.; Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire; Charles Hampden Barton, Esquire; George Stephenson Beeby, Esquire; George Stuart Briner, Esquire; Ernest Clement Vernon Broughton, Esquire; George Arthur Burgess, Esquire; John Henry Cann, Esquire; Ambrose Campbell Carmichael, Esquire; Edward Mann Clark, Esquire; John Jacob Cohen, Esquire; Albert Ernest Collins, Esquire; Robert Davidson, Esquire; Robert Thomas Donaldson, Esquire; James Dooley, Esquire; Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire; Alfred Edden, Esquire; John Estell, Esquire; James Fallick, Esquire; David Fell, Esquire; John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire; Owen Gilbert, Esquire; Sir James Graham, Knight; William Calman Grahame, Esquire; Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire; Thomas Henley, Esquire; George Thomas Hindmarsh, Esquire; the Honorable James Alexander Hogue; Robert Hollis, Esquire; William Arthur Holman, Esquire; Henry Edwin Horne, Esquire; John Charles Hunt, Esquire; Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire; George Alfred Jones, Esquire; Robert Jones, Esquire; William Fleming Latimer, Esquire; Daniel Levy, Esquire; Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire; John Patrick Lynch, Esquire; Donald Macdonell, Esquire; William Henry Mahony, Esquire; Richard Watson Walker McCoy, Esquire; John McFarlane, Esquire; Patrick McGarry, Esquire; James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire; Gordon Ranald McLaurin, Esquire; Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire; John Charles Meehan, Esquire; James Ballantine Mercer, Esquire; William Millard, Esquire; Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire; John Miller, Esquire; the Honorable Samuel Wilkinson Moore; Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire; John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire; John Nobbs, Esquire; the Honorable Charles William Oakes; Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow; Frederick Joseph Page, Esquire; Varney Parkes, Esquire; the Honorable John Perry; Henry John Frederick Peters, Esquire; Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire; William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire; Robert Scobie, Esquire; David Storey, Esquire; John Storcy, Esquire; William Taylor, Esquire; Follet Johns Thomas, Esquire; John Louis Tressé, Esquire; the Honorable Thomas Waddell; and the Honorable William Herbert Wood.

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

“ MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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

The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.



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

*“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
“ Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 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, FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise the Honorable William McCourt, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

“ CHELMSFORD,  
“ Governor.

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

7. **VACANT SEATS—WRITS OF ELECTION:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—
- (1.) That during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 53rd section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in room of the undermentioned gentlemen, viz.:—
- John Norton, Esquire, Member for Darling Harbour, resigned.  
Colonel Granville de Laune Ryrie, Member for Queanbeyan, resigned.  
Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire, Member for Northumberland, resigned.  
William Montgomerie Fleming, Esquire, Member for The Upper Hunter, resigned.  
The Honorable Edward William O'Sullivan, Member for Belmore, deceased.
- 2.) That the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates indorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers, of the election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names:—
- John Patrick Cochran, Esquire, for Darling Harbour.  
John Joseph Cusack, Esquire, for Queanbeyan.  
William Kearsley, Esquire, for Northumberland.  
William George Ashford, Esquire, for The Upper Hunter.  
Patrick Joseph Minahan, Esquire, for Belmore.
8. **MEMBERS SWORN:**—
- (1.) The undermentioned gentlemen were introduced, and, having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—
- John Patrick Cochran, Esquire, Darling Harbour.  
John Joseph Cusack, Esquire, Queanbeyan.  
William Kearsley, Esquire, Northumberland.  
William George Ashford, Esquire, The Upper Hunter.  
Patrick Joseph Minahan, Esquire, Belmore.
- (2.) The undermentioned Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as they severally came to the Table, viz.:—
- John Rowland Dacey, Esquire;  
John McNeill, Esquire;  
Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire; and  
Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire.
9. **ASSENT TO BILLS:**—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—
- (1.) **Western Lands Act Amendment Bill:**—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

*Message No. 1.*

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to extend the term of office of the Commissioners of the Western Land Board 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, 16th December, 1909.*

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## (2.) Lithgow Sewerage Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a system of sewerage for the Municipality of Lithgow; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (3.) Morisset Hospital for the Insane Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Morisset; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (4.) Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the sale of private land for closer settlement; to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906, the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (5.) Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908; to prohibit certain monopolies, and certain contracts, agreements, and combinations in restraint of trade; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (6.) Paddington Streets Extension Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to divest the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of certain lands, to vest them in the Borough of Paddington for the purpose of constructing and opening certain public ways; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (7.) Aborigines Protection Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the protection and care of aborigines; to repeal the Supply of Liquors to Aborigines Prevention Act; to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1902, and the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (8.) Justices (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates and their deputies and of Police Magistrates ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898, the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899, the Government Railways Act, 1901, the Justices Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 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 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, 20th December, 1909.

## (9.) Defamation (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of Defamation,*"—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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## (10.) Dentists Amendment Bill :—

G. B. SIMPSON,  
Administrator.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Dentists Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government 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, 23rd December, 1909.

## (11.) Factories and Shops (Amendment) Bill :—

G. B. SIMPSON,  
Administrator.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Factories and Shops Act of 1896 ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Administrator 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, 29th December, 1909.

## 10. PAPERS :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Form No. 107, under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 123 and 126, and Additional Forms Nos. 40b and 40c, under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (3.) Amended Regulations Nos. 227, 230, 232, and 237, under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (4.) Amended Regulations Nos. 109A, 224, 284, 324, and 403; under the Crown Lands Acts, and Cancellation of Regulations Nos. 58A, 108, 157A, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 222, 223, 288, 302, 323, 325, 326, 327, 328, and 329, and Forms Nos. 82, 83, 84, and 85, under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (5.) Amended Regulation No. 307, under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (6.) Additional Regulation No. 22A, and Additional Form No. 33, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
  - (7.) Amended Regulation No. 215, under the Crown Land Acts.
  - (8.) Amended Form No. 40, under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (9.) Amended Regulation No. 15, and Amended Form No. 18, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
  - (10.) Amended Regulation No. 7, and Amended Form No. 2, under the Western Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11. *Pro Formâ* BILL.—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL :—Mr. Wade presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence,*"—and moved, *pro formâ*, That this Bill be now read a first time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a first time.

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12. DEATH OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII—ACCESSION OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has officially learned, with the deepest regret, that our late Most Gracious Sovereign, His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, departed this life at Buckingham Palace on the sixth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

The Governor further informs the Legislative Assembly that, on the seventh day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth was duly and lawfully proclaimed King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Supreme Lord in and over this State of New South Wales, whereof public proclamation and due notification were fully and lawfully made within this State on the ninth instant.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th May, 1910.

Whereupon Mr. Wade moved, without Notice,—Honorable Members and Officers standing,—That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty be adopted:—

*To His Most Gracious Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c.*

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, embrace the first opportunity we have had since the death of our late beloved Sovereign, King Edward VII, to express to Your Majesty our heartfelt sympathy in the great sorrow which Your Majesty has sustained by that lamentable event.

We desire also to express to Your Majesty our respectful and sincere congratulations on your accession to the Throne, and trust that, under the Divine blessing, Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign, and that it may be marked by a continuance of the progress and happiness participated in by all classes of the British race.

Which was seconded by Mr. McGowen.  
Question put, and passed unanimously.

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. In calling you together for the discharge of your honorable and responsible duties, I desire to express my profound sense of the loss the Nation has sustained by the death of our late beloved Sovereign King Edward VII.

The people of this State have shared to the full in the heavy burden of sorrow thus laid upon the subjects of the Crown throughout the Empire, and in the universal sympathy felt for the Royal Family. All classes unite in lamenting the passing away of a Sovereign who reigned in the hearts of his people, and who held the most exalted place in the estimation of the civilised world.

2. The accession to the Throne of His Majesty King George V has been hailed with enthusiasm, and he will be strengthened and supported in his Kingly Office by the confidence, the loyalty, and the affection of an united Empire.

3. I am again happy to offer you my congratulations on the continued prosperity of this State, manifested by good returns from our primary industries, expansion of the volume of trade, a marked advance in manufacturing enterprise, the growth of population, and the extension of the avenues for remunerative investment and employment. The hope is justified of continued progress and prosperity in the future.

4. By making available for settlement Crown lands and private estates acquired by the Crown, and the voluntary subdivision of areas hitherto held for pastoral purposes, substantial and most desirable additions have been made to the number of those engaged in rural occupations. Large and fertile areas, eminently suited for agriculture and mixed farming, are thus being put to their most profitable use.

5. The Agreement which had been arrived at for the purpose of adjusting the financial relations between the Commonwealth and the States was in April last submitted to the electors for approval by means of a Referendum, but was not ratified.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. It is gratifying to be able to announce that the State finances continue in a sound and satisfactory condition. It is expected that the Treasury accounts for the financial year now drawing to a close will show a material increase in revenue, and that there will remain a substantial surplus after all obligations have been met. The receipts from the business concerns of the State continue to increase.

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7. My Advisers, however, are deeply sensible of the effect on the State finances that may follow from the reduced returns accruing to the States if the terms of the 87th Section of the Commonwealth Constitution are altered as anticipated. It is a further matter of concern that the State's sources of revenue may be curtailed if effect is given to the declared intention of the Commonwealth Government to collect revenue from land. The hope, however, is entertained that, in any adjustment of the financial arrangements, full consideration will be given by the Commonwealth Parliament to growing State requirements.

8. You will be invited to make the necessary provision for carrying on the Public Service pending the assembling of the next Parliament. The supplies you will be asked to grant will include increases in the salaries of public servants, mainly in the lower grades of the Service. The details of the projected increases will, in due course, be laid before you.

9. You will also be asked to authorise the issue of a loan, the proceeds of which will be applied to the special purpose of providing increased facilities for the handling of railway traffic.

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

10. In furtherance of the policy under which large areas of private lands have been acquired by the Crown and made available for settlement with most satisfactory results, you will be invited to sanction the acquisition of other suitable estates, which will provide homes for many new settlers. In order to accelerate the subdivision and disposal of privately-held lands under conditions which will ensure permanent settlement, proposals will be submitted by which intending settlers will be enabled, through the medium of the Government Savings Bank, to acquire suitable holdings direct from the owners, subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts.

11. Legislation will be proposed to facilitate and expedite the general administrative work of the Lands Department; also for the purpose of relieving settlers under the Crown Lands Acts of certain disabilities under which they are found to labour.

12. My Advisers are of opinion that the time has arrived when railways should be constructed specially for the purpose of opening up for settlement two large and valuable areas of Crown lands, namely, the Pilliga Scrub and a large tract of country lying in the south-western portion of the Central Division. You will be asked for the necessary authority to carry out these works at an early date.

13. The unprecedented development of the State's natural resources has led to a heavy increase of traffic on the railway lines, with consequent accumulating demands on the service. To meet existing requirements, and at the same time to provide for future growth, the Government has determined to proceed as rapidly as possible with extensive duplications of the main trunk lines, and to establish cross-country connections between districts now served by existing lines.

14. In order to relieve traffic congestion at Darling Harbour and to facilitate railway access, the construction of a new line of railway and extensive additions to the accommodation at the central point of export have been determined upon. The preliminary steps towards the carrying out of the necessary works have already been initiated.

15. The rapid development of the interior of the State, the growth of new centres, and the increase of permanent settlement must lead to a heavier strain being placed upon the existing railway system. The question of providing a more rapid and direct communication between country districts and the seaboard, and at the same time relieving the congestion upon the railway lines that converge in Sydney, has received the careful consideration of Ministers, and a system of decentralisation has been determined upon. A Royal Commission has been appointed to report upon the terminal points inland and on the coast that should be connected by rail, and generally to advise on the best and most expeditious means of giving effect to this policy. The Commission will proceed to its duties without delay.

16. Consideration has been given to the need for extending the means of higher education. It is proposed to increase the opportunities for advanced instruction by establishing additional High Schools in many of the large country centres and in the metropolitan area, and to abolish the fees for tuition now charged at these schools. The system of scholarships will be rearranged so as to provide for their wider distribution throughout the State.

17. A Workers' Compensation Bill will be introduced at an early date.

18. My Advisers feel that the time has come when a reduction in the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly may be made without danger to the efficiency of the House as a legislative body, or injury to the general interests of the State. In the opinion of the Government no such change should be effected without the establishment of some fixed ratio, as regards numbers, between the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, with safeguards against deadlocks, and provisions for the ultimate predominance of the representative House in cases of disagreement. Questions of constitutional reform so deeply affect the interests of the electors that Ministers deem it right that the principle on which these reforms are based should be determined by the people. A proposal for a Referendum on these subjects will, therefore, be submitted for your approval.

19. It is proposed to amend the Public Service Act in the direction of providing means for the removal of difficulties that have arisen in connection with appeals under the existing law.

20. The question of establishing a legalised Saturday half-holiday has had the careful consideration of the Government. A Bill to give effect, with certain limitations, to the principle will be submitted for your approval.

21. Among other measures you will be asked to deal with will be a Superannuation Bill for the Railway and Tramway Services, a Bill to amend the Electoral law in the direction of giving greater facilities for the exercise of the franchise, a Bill to create a tribunal to secure a minimum wage for those engaged in clerical pursuits, and Bills to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act and the Fisheries Act.

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22. A progressive policy of Public Works and Water Conservation, designed to keep pace with the growing needs of the State, is being continued. New works will be pushed on as soon as Parliamentary sanction is obtained.

23. I now leave you to your deliberations and the discharge of your legislative duties, with the earnest prayer that, under Divine Guidance, your labours may tend to promote the welfare and happiness of all classes of the people.

Sir James Graham moved, and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Davidson, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Downes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hindmarsh, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

*To His Excellency The Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

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

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion after paragraph 2 of the following words to stand as paragraph 3 :—“ And we further beg to inform Your Excellency that “ Your Advisers have ceased to possess the confidence of the country.”

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales

No. 2.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1910.

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

MEMBERS SWORN :—The undermentioned Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as they severally came to the Table, viz. :—

William Brown, Esquire ;  
Brinsley Hall, Esquire ; and  
Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire.

2. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Graham, 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 The Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
" Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of  
" the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion, after paragraph 2, of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—*" And we further beg to inform  
" Your Excellency that Your Advisers have ceased to possess the confidence of the country."*

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

*Interruption.*

3. MEMBER SWORN :—John Gillies, Esquire, came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Debate on the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, which was interrupted, as above, was resumed.

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, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 JUNE, 1910.

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

PAPERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that conditional lease No. 1909-46, portion 106, parish of Nambucca, county of Raleigh, Land District of Bellingen, applied for by Sydney Davis, shall cease to be voidable.
- (2.) Notice of intention to declare that conditional lease No. 1908-19, portion 91, parish of Cappabella, county of Goulburn, Land District of Tumbarumba, applied for by James Thorburn, shall cease to be voidable.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for establishing a Public Park at South Annandale.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for establishing a Public Recreation Ground at Castle Rock, Middle Harbour.
- (5.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
- (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (7.) Particulars of Leases issued from 22nd December, 1909, to 25th May, 1910, under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- (2.) Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—

- (a) £500, from Vote "Sheriffs—Contingencies," to Vote "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies."
- (b) £200, from Vote "Premier—Miscellaneous Services—Norfolk Island, Expenses in connection with administration of, and for general improvements, &c.," to Vote "Premier's Office—Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Graham, 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 The Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor  
of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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



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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion, after paragraph 2, of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—" And we further beg to inform " Your Excellency that Your Advisers have ceased to possess the confidence of the country."

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 after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 JUNE, 1910, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 4.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 JUNE, 1910.

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

MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as they severally came to the Table, viz. :—

Robert Henry Levien, Esquire; and  
Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire.

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

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

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

“ Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, ✓  
“ John Henry Cann, Esquire,  
“ Daniel Levy, Esquire, ✓  
“ Robert Davidson, Esquire, ✓  
“ Donald Macdonell, Esquire,

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

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

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

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,  
“ Speaker.”

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

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

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

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1907-8, portion 10, parish of Uroly, county of Boyd, land district of Narrandera, applied for by William Frederick Watts, shall cease to be voidable.

(2.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1909-24, and Conditional Leases Nos. 1907-34, and 1909-21, applied for by George Stubbings; and Conditional Leases No. 1908-22, applied for by Henry Francis Johnson; No. 1908-58, applied for by John McLean; No. 1908-60, applied for by Charles Joseph Dorrington, all in the parish of Kangaroo, county of Buller, land district of Tenterfield, shall cease to be voidable.

(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. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

21st June, 1910.

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 Sir James Graham, 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 The Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
“ Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor  
“ of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion, after paragraph 2, of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3 :—“ And we further beg to inform Your Excellency that Your Advisers have ceased to possess the confidence of the country.”

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock. Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE, 1910.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for 1909.
- (2.) Amended Form No. 35, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, and Pastures Protection (Amendment) Act, 1906.
- (3.) Amended Regulations Nos. 2 and 64, and Additional Regulation No. 84A and Form 44A, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- (4.) Proclamation setting forth the restrictions and prohibitions applying to the importation or introduction of cattle, horses, mules, camels, sheep, goats, and fodder into New South Wales from Queensland, under the Stock Act, 1901.
- (5.) Substituted Regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
- (6.) Amended Regulations Nos. 1 to 7, under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 4, under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.
- (8.) Amended Regulations Nos. 2, 3, 5, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 54, under the Forestry Act, 1909, and amendment of Schedule to such Regulations.
- (9.) Regulations under the Forestry Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Proceedings of the Pharmacy Board for 1909.
- (2.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st December, 1909.
- (3.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st March, 1910.
- (4.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1909, to 31st March, 1910.
- (5.) Abstract of the Balance-sheet of the Savings Bank of New South Wales on 31st December, 1909.
- (6.) Regulations prescribing the qualifications required of applicants for certificates of competency as masters, first mates, and second mates of coast-trade ships, limited to between Melbourne and Rockhampton, under the Navigation Act, 1901.
- (7.) Regulations Nos. 204 and 205, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (8.) Regulations relating to the qualifications and examination of persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency as marine surveyors, under the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Navigation Amendment (Regulations) Act, 1904.
- (9.) Regulations prescribing the qualifications for a third-class engineer's certificate of competency, under the Navigation Act, 1901.
- (10.) Substituted Regulation No. 2, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
- (11.) Additional Regulations under the Wharfrage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901.
- (12.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Railway Station Yard at Geurie.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Railway Traffic at Greta.
- (14.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Railway Station Yard at Curlewis.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the improvement of the Railway Station Yard at West Maitland.

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- (16.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Railway Traffic at The Rock.
- (17.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Grade Improvements at Faulconbridge.
- (18.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the maintenance of Railway Traffic at The Gap.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the maintenance of Railway Traffic at West Maitland.
- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the maintenance of Railway Traffic from Sydney to Newcastle, near Concord.
- (21.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Railway Station Yard at Coombell.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the maintenance of Railway Traffic at Coalcliff.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the traffic on the Tramway from Drummoyne to Ryde at Gladesville.
- (24.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the maintenance of Railway Traffic at Kankool.
- (25.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Great Western Railway at the Zig Zag.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Australian Mutual Provident Society; and to amend the same,*"—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, 15th June, 1910.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Graham, 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 The Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
"Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of  
"the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion, after paragraph 2, of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3:—"And we further beg to inform Your Excellency that Your Advisers have ceased to possess the confidence of the country."

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 after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 JUNE, 1910, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 JUNE, 1910.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Twenty-seventh Annual Report on Inscribed Stock, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Act, 1902.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 28th October, 1909,—“Leave of Absence applied for by Railway “Officers.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for 1909.
- (2.) Commission appointing William Portus Cullen, Esquire, LL.D., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, to be Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (3.) Regulations under the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909.
- (4.) Regulation under the Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) Act, 1906, for prohibiting burning-off of straw, &c., within Goobang Shire.
- (5.) Regulation under the Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) Act, 1906, for prohibiting burning off of straw, &c., within Jemalong Shire.
- (6.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1900, and Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1909.
- (7.) Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
- (8.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (9.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
- (10.) Regulation No. 22, under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.
- (11.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for 1909.
- (12.) Report of the Police Department for 1909.
- (13.) Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (14.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarters ended 31st December, 1909, and 31st March, 1910.
- (15.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarters ended 31st December, 1909, and 31st March, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Graham, 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 The Right Honorable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight  
“Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of  
“the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion, after paragraph 2, of the following words, to stand as paragraph 3:—" And we further beg to inform Your Excellency that Your Advisers have ceased to possess the confidence of the country."

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

*Disorder*: The Honorable Member for The Darling, Mr. Meehan, having repeatedly disregarded directions and warnings from the Chair to desist from disorderly interjections, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Mid-day,—

FRIDAY, 24 JUNE, 1910.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

✓ Ayes, 35.

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

Noes, 50.

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

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. Wade 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 Tuesday next, at a quarter past Four o'clock p.m., at the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes after Five o'clock (Friday, 24 June), until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 JUNE, 1910.

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 the State Governor's Offices, 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.

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

I thank you for your expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty, King George V, and I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

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

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

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2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 13.

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 Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909 ; and for other purposes.

State Government House,  
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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Amending Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce an Amending Land Bill early this Session, to abolish reappraisalment in the cases of conversion into conditional purchases or conditional purchase leases of homestead selections, settlement leases, &c. ?

(2.) Is it also the intention to abolish the provision in the existing Act requiring two years' residence by all transferees ?

(3.) If it is the intention to abolish reappraisalment, will he abandon references for reappraisalment in all applications for conversion now pending, or which may be lodged before the passing of the necessary legislation ?



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(4.) In cases where references have already been made, and homestead selections and settlement leases have been converted, will he insist on the reappraised value being paid, or remit such cases for rehearing, or take any other action to place the holders of these areas on an equal footing with others?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1, 2, and 4.) The proposed legislation on these subjects will be introduced in the course of a few days.

(3.) Pending such legislation, instructions have been issued to hold over any cases referred for appraisalment.

(2.) Refunds from Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that contributions to the Superannuation Fund are retained by the Government, and go to the credit of the public revenue in cases where officers die before reaching the age prescribed for retirement from the service?

(2.) Is it a fact that the widow and family of an officer who may die before reaching the prescribed age are not entitled to any refund of the moneys paid to this Fund?

(3.) Will he submit a legislative proposal to Parliament, if necessary, to provide for refunds in such cases?

Mr. Wade answered,—The repayment of these contributions is not provided for under the law. The Public Service Association have informed me that they have under consideration a general superannuation scheme which they hope to submit shortly, and this matter is one which I think should be dealt with as part of that scheme.

(3.) Railway, Glenreagh to Dorrigo :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit to Parliament during the present Session a proposal for the construction of a railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo, as recommended by the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lee answered,—The Public Works Committee have not yet reported to Parliament, but I understand the line has been approved. In the event of the Report containing no adverse conditions, it will be proceeded with.

(4.) Amending Crown Lands Bill :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In any Amending Land Bill which may be introduced during the present Session, will he provide that the improvements upon converted special leases shall belong to the lessee if conversion be granted?

Mr. Moore answered,—The matter is receiving consideration; but I might inform the Honorable Member that the existing law permits of the value of improvements being remitted where the equities of the case warrant it. The present policy is—(a) Where the rental of the special lease exceeded 2½ per cent. of the capital value of the land, to wholly remit the value of the improvements; (b) where the rental was less than 2½ per cent., to make a charge, proportionate to the difference, in respect of such improvements as have been effected in terms of the lease, the settler being allowed the full benefit of all other improvements. This policy is equitable in principle, and should give general satisfaction.

(5.) Congestion of Traffic, Suburban Railway :—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that suburban trains arriving at Sydney have been invariably behind time of late?

(2.) Is the reason of such irregularity caused by the congestion of traffic at the Redfern Tunnel?

(3.) If this is so, will the Government take prompt measures to remedy the matter by widening the tunnel?

(4.) Is the question of the quadruplication of the Illawarra Line a part of the Government's new railway policy?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) Only a small percentage of suburban trains have run more than five minutes late.

(2.) A slight congestion of traffic does at times occur between Redfern Tunnel and Redfern Station.

(3 and 4.) The question of constructing another double line between Sydney and Sydenham is now under consideration.

(6.) Impassable Roads, Dorrigo District :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on the subject of "Dorrigo's Impassable Roads"?

(2.) Is it a fact that representations have been made to his Department to the effect that the road from Coramba to Dorrigo has never been metalled in any portion, and that it is unfit for ordinary traffic?

(3.) Is it a fact that sawmills at Eastern Dorrigo are at a standstill, and that settlers are experiencing great difficulty in obtaining supplies?

(4.) Is it a fact that teamsters refuse to carry goods and merchandise on the road, because of its condition?

(5.) Is it a fact that this road was formed by the Government to open up a new settlement; if so, will he undertake to have it metalled, and placed in a condition to permit of ordinary traffic?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Complete metalling was asked for by the Honorable Member on 3rd August last in this House, the reply being, "It is not proposed to metal throughout."

(3 and 4.) Cannot say.

(5.)

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(5.) Road was formed by the Government to open up a new settlement, but is not yet complete so far as a section of 8 miles at about half-way, which length is now being made by the Department. The length of 30 miles already formed has been handed over to the control of the Dorrigo Shire Council, and in the framing of the Shires classification at the rate of 100s. in the £, liberal allowance was made for the upkeep of this road. Metalling is reported as not being needed for the ordinary traffic requirements under normal conditions.

(7.) Railway, Wentworth to Victorian System:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Premier,—With reference to paragraph No. 15 in the Governor's Speech, wherein it is stated that the question of providing a more rapid and direct communication between country districts and the sea-board is one that will now have Ministerial attention, does this refer to the linking up of Wentworth to the Victorian railway system?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—The paragraph clearly refers to the east coast of New South Wales, and not the Victorian border.

(8.) Lands in the Western Division:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—(1.) What is the gross revenue receivable from the lands comprised within the Western Division of this State?  
(2.) What is the actual cost for land administration over such area?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

(1.) £92,000.

(2.) £10,238.

I may add that a further revenue amounting to about £3,000 is also receivable from tenures not under the operation of the Western Lands Act.

(9.) Amending Electoral Act:—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Premier,—Will he, this Session, bring forward an amending electoral law—(a) to provide for the enfranchisement of all citizens of the State (including inmates of asylums and the military) who have been six months in New South Wales, and who are not criminals or lunatics; (b) to enable all electors who are outside their electorates on polling day to record their votes; (c) to allow of seamen and sick people voting by post; (d) to confer full rights of citizenship to all public servants; (e) to redistribute the electorates so that the anomalies, that exist now of one electorate being three times as populous as another, be rectified?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—(a) A Bill to amend the electoral law has been promised, and, it is hoped, will be passed into law during the present Session. It will not, however, provide for the enfranchisement of inmates of asylums. (b), (c), and (e). As the features of the Bill are now under consideration, it is impossible to say what all its provisions will be. (d) Public servants are under no disability as regards voting under the electoral law.

(10.) Area and Population of State Electorates:—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the present quota for an electorate in this State?

(2.) How many electorates are there above and how many below such quota and the allowances provided for by the electoral law?

(3.) The names of those above and below the quota and allowances, and the number of electors in each?

(4.) The number in each electorate which is within the quota and allowance?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—The figures for the 1907 Rolls can be given, but it is presumed that the Honorable Member desires information in regard to the recent collection of Lists. If so, it is not at present practicable to give the information, as the quota is not obtainable until the Rolls are complete.

(11.) Coal purchased and imported by Government during late Strike:—*Mr. Estell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of coal bought by the Government during the currency of the late strike from collieries with whom contracts had previously existed, and the amount per ton paid for same?

(2.) The amount of coal imported from foreign countries, and the price paid per ton?

(3.) The amount of coal obtained from Young Wallsend and Ebbw Main collieries, and the price per ton paid for same?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The production of this information should be moved for in the usual way, in the form of a return.

(12.) Conditions of Public Service Staffs respecting Salaries and Wages:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total number of the wages and salaried staff controlled, and the total number of fines and reductions in pay or grade, or both, inflicted by the following public officials during the year ended 31st May, 1910:—Inspector-General of Police; Public Service Board; Chief Mechanical Engineer, Railways; Engineer-in-Chief Existing Lines, Railways; Goods Manager, Railways; Superintendent of Lines, Railways; Traffic Superintendent, Tramways; Electrical Engineer, Tramways; Permanent-way Engineer, Tramways?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The information asked by the Honorable Member will take some time to prepare, and should be moved for in the usual way, in the form of a return.

(13.) Railway Watchmen, Bathurst:—*Mr. Lynch* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the hours worked per night by railway watchmen at Bathurst?

(2.) Have the hours been increased of late?

(3.) What provision is made for holidays?

(4.) Is it a fact that watchmen work every Sunday night?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) Twelve hours, viz., from 7.30 p.m. to 7.30 a.m.

(2.) No.

(3.) Holidays, which amount to from ten to twelve per annum, are allowed to accumulate for one year; and watchmen may take them at their convenience.

(4.) No. They did prior to the 15th May; since that date watchmen are allowed one Sunday night off every fortnight.

- (14.) Railway, Cobar to Wilcannia :—Mr. Meehan asked the Premier,—Before proceeding to build new railways, will the Government construct the railway from Cobar to Wilcannia, authorised by both Houses of Parliament over eight years ago?

Mr. Wade answered,—This matter will be considered.

- (15.) Books Lost from Parliamentary Library :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—Will he make inquiry of the Parliamentary Librarian and ascertain the number of books, law reports, and other documents, which have been lost during the past five years; also the cost of replacing same?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am informed that, in order to reply to the Honorable Member's Question, it will be necessary to call in the books which have been borrowed and not yet returned. A check of the books in the Library has recently been made, and as soon as the work of recalling outstanding books has been completed the information asked for will be furnished.

- (16.) Radium for Hospitals :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Premier,—Is it the intention of the Government to contribute, or in any way support the fund which it is proposed to establish for the purchase of radium for the use of public hospitals?

Mr. Wood answered,—This matter will receive the attention of the Government when the fund spoken of is established.

- (17.) Railway, Rydal, *via* Jenolan Caves, to Burruga :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have a survey made of the proposed railway from Rydal, *via* Jenolan Caves, to Burruga?

Mr. Lee answered,—This route will be explored when officers can be made available.

- (18.) Brick Combine :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that a combine of brick manufacturers in Sydney has recently increased the price of bricks 4s. per thousand, giving for a reason the increased cost of labour due to a determination of the Wages Board?

(2.) Is it a fact that the increased cost of labour does not come into operation until August next, and only amounts to about 7½d. per thousand?

(3.) Is it a fact at the time of the Wages Board inquiry the industry was paying very high profits?

(4.) What steps do the Government propose to take to deal with this matter?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) I understand that some brick manufacturers have increased the price of bricks, and I have seen a statement in the Press that the increase is due to the increased cost of production.

(2.) The Award generally took effect from 26th ultimo, but a portion of it does not come into operation until 26th August next. I am unable to say how much per thousand the cost of production will be increased by the Award.

(3.) I cannot say.

(4.) It is impossible, with the information now at my disposal, to say whether the increase is unreasonable, but I am endeavouring to obtain further information on the subject.

- (19.) Congestion at Industrial Court :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Attorney-General,—Is it a fact that the work of the Industrial Court has become seriously congested and that the administration of the Industrial Disputes Act is seriously hampered?

Mr. Wade answered,—There is a difficulty in finding time to deal with the numerous penalty summonses. It has been determined to remedy this by an amendment of the law.

- (20.) Amending Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Premier,—Will he give the House an opportunity, during the present Session, to discuss amending legislation that persons in receipt of Invalidity Pensions shall not be debarred from the right of occasionally earning a few shillings at light employment?

Mr. Wade answered.—I have observed a statement in the Press that the provisions of the Commonwealth Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act relating to invalidity pensions will probably be brought into operation on the 1st October next. If that is to be done, the discussion suggested by the Honorable Member would probably be unnecessary.

- (21.) Railway Deviation of Line at Locksley :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the proposal to duplicate the Western Railway to Blayney, has he considered the question of deviating the line at Locksley, *via* O'Connell, in order to avoid the heavy grades on the present line?

(2.) Will he have a trial survey made of the proposed deviation?

Mr. Lee answered,—The deviations between Locksley and Brewongle having been dealt with, there is no intention to deviate the line at Locksley, *via* O'Connell.

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(22.) Labour Conditions on Gold Leases :—*Mr. Carmichael*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that labour conditions have not been performed on gold leases 6 and 7, parish of Galbraith, held by the representatives of the late *Mr. Collins* for a considerable time, and that a number of reports have been made as to the non-fulfilment of labour conditions?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have these leases cancelled unless operations are resumed?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—

- (1.) Yes. It is understood that the failure to comply with the labour conditions is due to the fact that Letters of Administration had not issued in the estate of the late *James Collins*. The matter ultimately came into the hands of the Curator of Intestate Estates.
- (2.) It is reported by the warden that *bond fide* mining operations have been resumed—the full number of men are now employed.

(23.) Road of Access to Lot 112, Parish Lidsdale, Rydal :—*Mr. Carmichael*, for *Mr. Beeby*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that lot 112, parish of Lidsdale, near Rydal, was disposed of, and no road for access left?
- (2.) Will he cause steps to be taken to provide access to the said block, and thus give relief to the present holder?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

- (1.) When portion 112 was sold in 1852 the adjoining lands were Crown lands, which have since been subdivided and taken up as homestead selections. A road to portion 112 was left along the northern boundary of portion 84.
- (2.) I will have inquiries made as to whether further access should be provided.

(24.) Retirement of Railway Employees :—*Mr. Meagher* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) (a) Is it a fact that many railway employees who have reached 60 years of age have been retired, although in good health and capable of satisfactorily discharging duties; (b) is this retirement based on a report by the foreman, or any other responsible official?
- (2.) Is it a fact that men over 60 have been kept on who are less active and capable than many who have been retired?
- (3.) What is the practical working basis of the system of retirements aforesaid, and have complaints been made of unfair discrimination being used?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed :—

- (1 and 2.) No.
- (3.) Inability to earn the wage paid. Each case is dealt with on its merit. As is to be expected, cases occur where employees retired hold a different opinion to the Department, and complaints have been made.

(25.) Leave of Absence to Railway Long Service Employees :—*Mr. Meagher* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a regulation, custom, or precedent has been in existence from the time of the late *Mr. Eddy*, by which employees of the Railway Commissioners obtain one month's holiday on full pay after twenty years of continuous service, and production of a medical certificate, as to impaired health, to the Government Railway Medical Officer?
- (2.) Is it a fact that several applications by employees with the requisite period of satisfactory service, and supported by certificates as to impaired health by reputable medical men have been denied the advantage of the leave aforesaid?
- (3.) Is it a fact that several applications by employees of the requisite period of service, but in robust health, and in some cases not supported with medical certificates, have been granted the leave aforesaid?
- (4.) What departmental papers are placed before the Railway Medical Officer on such applications as aforesaid?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Yes; on the Railway Medical Officer's certificate.
- (2.) Yes; the certificate of the Government Railway Medical Officer is indispensable.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The general practice is to forward the application to the Medical Officer.

(26.) Breaches of Industrial Disputes Act by Messrs. Hoskins, Lithgow :—*Mr. Dooley* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Have Messrs. Hoskins, of Lithgow, been found guilty of breaches of the Industrial Disputes Act?
- (2.) Has *Mr. C. Hoskins*, of Lithgow, been found guilty of breaches of the Industrial Disputes Act?
- (3.) Have fines been imposed; if so, have they been paid in full?
- (4.) Have any of the fines been remitted or reduced; and, if so, by what amount?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
- (3 and 4.) Yes, and paid in all cases but one. In that case a fine of £10 was imposed upon *C. Hoskins*. The Judge intimated that the case might well have been withdrawn by the Crown, as it was the same man doing the same act for which the Company had been fined £50. This case had been initiated against *C. Hoskins* personally to meet the possible objection that the Company, as such, was not technically liable. The fine was accordingly remitted.

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(27.) Botanic Gardens Employees:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister for Agriculture,—Is it the intention of the Government to include the employees of the Botanic Gardens in the scheme for increase of salaries and wages?

Mr. Perry answered,—The matter is one which comes within the province of the Public Service Board, and no doubt the employees referred to will be considered with others in the General Division.

(28.) Allowances to Police attending Courts:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that constables doing duty at outside stations in the country receive an allowance for attending Court if they go into the town where the Court is held the night before the sitting?

(2.) Do they receive allowance of any kind if they go into the Court-town on the morning of the sitting?

(3.) Will he consider whether this system is a premium upon absence from duty and a discouragement to energetic habits?

(4.) Will he see that proper living allowances are made to constables when they attend court, regardless of the time they leave their own stations?

Mr. Wood answered,—The usual travelling allowance of 6s. per diem to sergeants, and 5s. per diem to senior-constables and constables is paid to police absent from their stations at night-time attending Courts or on other police duty. This allowance is considered adequate. Police are expected not to leave their stations at night-time in order to attend Court the following day if there is no necessity for them to leave until the following morning.

(29.) Payment of Unskilled Railway Workmen:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that unskilled workmen on the railways receive only 7s. 6d. a day, whereas the Unskilled Labourers' Wages Board awarded all unskilled labourers 8s. per day?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have the unskilled labourers on the railways brought under this Award?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—The wages, hours, and conditions of unskilled workmen in the Railway and Tramway Service are to a large extent regulated by Awards of Wages Boards, and the men are paid in accordance therewith. When the Award of the Permanent-way Board, which is now sitting, comes into operation, practically the whole of the unskilled workers will have had their claims adjudicated on.

(30.) Regulations under Factories and Shops (Amendment) Act:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have regulations been framed for the guidance and assistance of Inspectors under the Factories and Shops (Amendment) Act?

(2.) If so, on what date were they forwarded to the Crown Law Department for examination and approval?

(3.) Has that Department examined and approved of them?

(4.) If not, can he state the reason?

Mr. Hogue answered,—In reply to these Questions, I beg to state that regulations under the Amending Factories and Shops Act have been framed, and have been approved of by the Governor in Council. They will be published in to-morrow's issue of the *Government Gazette*, and will be laid before Parliament.

(31.) Railway, Bowning to Burrowa:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the necessary inspection by the Railway Commissioners been made of the route of the Bowning-Burrowa Railway?

(2.) If not, when will such inspection take place?

(3.) Will this railway proposal be submitted to the Public Works Committee this Session, as promised?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) I cannot say until the policy of the Government has been determined.

(32.) Leave of Absence to Public Servants:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

(1.) In view of his statements recently *re* leave of absence to public servants and to payment in lieu thereof, will he grant all public servants the right to draw the amount of pay accruing in lieu of taking the leave of absence, if they so desire?

(2.) Will he grant the police the same right, and also grant them pay for all leave that is stopped (except such as is stopped as a punishment), or that cannot in the interests of the service be granted when desired by the officers concerned?

Mr. Wade answered,—My reply to a request made by deputation which waited on me recently with regard to this matter was that it was not desirable to encourage any principle which would induce an officer to forego his leave, and render himself less efficient to carry out his public duties.

(33.) Public Service Appeals Board:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Premier,—

(1.) Does his proposed Public Service Appeals Board cover appeals for promotion as well as appeals against punishment?

(2.) Does he intend to alter the Railway Appeals Board so as to cover appeals for promotion, and also to make the Board equally representative of the Commissioner and of the men, with an outside Chairman?

(3.) Does his proposed Appeals Board apply to the police and other branches of the Public Service not under the control of the Public Service Board?

Mr. Wade answered,—It is contrary to practice to disclose the contents in detail of a proposed Bill before it is introduced into Parliament.

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(34.) Allowances to Police in Western District:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the police in the western portions of the State receive a much smaller amount in allowances than is received by other public servants similarly situated; if so, will he take steps to increase such police allowances to a more adequate amount?

Mr. Wood answered,—A special allowance of 1s. per diem to officers and 6d. per diem to non-commissioned officers and constables is made at stations where the cost of living is high. At Milparinka, Tibooburra, and White Cliffs an allowance of 1s. per diem is paid to non-commissioned officers and constables.

(35.) Classification of Public School Teachers:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many 3A and 2B assistant teachers have applied for promotion by appointment as teachers in charge of schools since 1st July, 1907?

(2.) The number appointed as teachers in charge since 1st July, 1907, and the classification of schools to which they were appointed?

(3.) The number of 2B assistants appointed to the position of first assistants since 1st July, 1907, with classification of schools to which they were appointed?

Mr. Hogue replied,—

(1.) Twenty 2B assistants, fifty 3A assistants.

(2.) Three 2B assistants appointed to charge of fifth-class schools, two 2B assistants to sixth-class schools, eight 3A assistants to fifth-class schools, fifteen 3A assistants to sixth-class schools.

(3.) Two 2B assistants appointed as first assistants to third-class schools.

(36.) Use of Breathing Helmets in Coal-mines:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the intention of the Home Office regarding the necessity of "breathing helmets" being provided at all coal-mines in England, and the training of men to their use?

(2.) Will he have inquiries made as to the necessity of adopting the same course at the coal-mines of this State?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Inquiries will be made as to the views of the Home Office in regard to the use of "breathing helmets," but the latest information available was not altogether in favour of the apparatus.

(2.) Yes.

(37.) Case of Alfred Emmett:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Alfred Emmett joined the Police Force on the 11th January, 1885?

(2.) Did he give a month's notice and resign on the 31st May, 1904?

(3.) Were deductions made from his pay for the Superannuation Fund; if so, by what authority?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; under the Police Regulation Act.

(38.) Breaches of Industrial Disputes Act by Employers:—Mr. Dooley asked the Premier,—

(1.) What is the total number of employers who have been fined for breaches of the Industrial Disputes Act?

(2.) The names of the employers, and the amount of the fines in each case?

(3.) The total amount of reductions or remissions of fines?

(4.) The names of the employers whose fines were reduced or remitted?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) 167.

(2.) This information is too voluminous to be given in answer to a Question.

(3.) £85.

(4.) Andrew McKye, £75; Charles Hoskins, £10.

(39.) Transfer of Constable Williams:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with the transfer of Constable Michael Williams from Parkes to Bathurst?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Police Force is a disciplinary service, and the Inspector-General makes such transfers as he deems fit in the interest of proper organisation. As the papers do not disclose anything exceptional, I see no good reason, in the public interest, why they should be laid on.

(40.) Withdrawal of Summonses under Industrial Disputes Act:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) How many prosecutions for disobedience of Awards under the Industrial Disputes Act have been initiated by the several registered Unions since the beginning of the present year; and in how many cases have summonses been withdrawn?

(2.) Is it a fact that secretaries of the several Unions are in the habit of making terms with employers alleged to have committed breaches of Awards, and that no record of such settlement is filed with the Court?

(3.) Is it a fact that in connection with the Tailors' Award, the Secretary recently procured summonses in the following cases, in which breaches were charged, and subsequently withdrew proceedings:—J. B. Dance, 554 George-street, Sydney, who paid through the said Secretary the sum of £10; D. Kussman, 203 King-street, Newtown, who paid £20; and Emmanuel Yedwoph, 105 Regent-street, Redfern, who paid £16 10s.?

(4.) Will he submit to the Judge or the Registrar of the Court a suggestion to the effect that no summons shall in future be withdrawn without the terms of settlement being filed?

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Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Prosecutions initiated, 412; prosecutions withdrawn, 100.
- (2.) No record of any such settlement is filed with the Court.
- (3.) The six cases *Durack v. Dance*, and the two cases *Durack v. Kussman* were withdrawn. The five cases of *Durack v. Yedwoph* were struck out of the list by the Court on Mr. Beeby, Counsel for the informant, stating that they were settled.
- (4.) Steps are being taken to prevent a continuation of this practice.

(41.) Tracings and Heliographic Prints of District Maps:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he obtained a report, as promised, on the questions raised by the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, during the discussion on the Lands Department Estimates, viz., (a) the advisability of having a tracing made of the various office copies of the Parish Maps, such tracings to be charted up to date for heliographic purposes, in order that the public may be enabled to obtain helio copies of Parish Maps, charted up to date, at a fair price; (b) the advisability of furnishing copies of same to the District Offices and the Local Land Agents, also to Clerks of Petty Sessions?
- (2.) If so, will he state if the proposals are feasible, and what would be the cost to the public of such helio copies?
- (3.) Will he consider whether the present system of having details charted up to date on Parish Plans by contract draftsmen entails delay and expense to the public, and is inimical to the interests of persons seeking land to select?
- (4.) If such report has not been made, will he cause action to be expedited?

Mr. Moore answered,—I obtained a report as promised, but it was not entirely favourable. The matter, however, is now being further carefully investigated.

(42.) Office of Chief Surveyor, Lands Department:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, during the period of Mr. Macfarlane's occupancy of the position of Under Secretary for Lands the office of Chief Surveyor was abolished and the positions of Chief Surveyor and Under Secretary for Lands amalgamated?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the effect of such amalgamation?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the work of the Department is seriously retarded by the abolition of the office of Chief Surveyor and the consequent increase in the work of the Under Secretary for Lands?
- (4.) With a view to expediting the work of the Lands Office, will he take steps to rescind the dual appointment and re-establish the office of Chief Surveyor?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I have already done so.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) I will give the subject further consideration.

(43.) Effect of use of Emery Wheels on Health:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he received any report from his inspectors as to the condition of workmen in foundries using emery wheels?
- (2.) Does the use of such wheels affect health?
- (3.) Is it a fact that in some countries legislation compels their use under water to cope with the dust created?
- (4.) Will he see that similar provisions are introduced here?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No representations have been made to the Department as to their effect on health.
- (3.) Not that I am aware of.
- (4.) The matter will receive consideration.

(44.) Prohibition of Marriages by certain Employers:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that many mercantile and financial institutions of Sydney prohibit marriage of their employees until they earn a salary which is only available to senior men?
- (2.) Will he consider whether such prohibitions are contrary to public policy and to the material well-being of the State?
- (3.) Is he prepared to extend the scope of the Industrial Disputes Act to cope with this prohibition?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I cannot say.
- (2.) As a matter of public policy, every reasonable encouragement should be given to those who contemplate early marriage. Any unreasonable restriction upon these unions is not desirable.
- (3.) The Act already provides for preference to unionists.

(45.) Extension of Tramway to Bronte:—Mr. Nobbs for Colonel Onslow, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any report been submitted to the Railway Department or the Department of Public Works regarding a suggested route for an extension of the tramway to Bronte Park by way of the Bondi tramline?
- (2.) If so, will he lay the report upon the Table of this House?
- (3.) Will he delay the construction of the proposed extension of the Waverley Tram to Bronte Park until the route *via* Bondi has been fully considered and reported upon?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A route from Bennett-street on the existing Bondi Tramway to Bronte Park has been reported on, but no survey was carried out or estimate prepared.
- (2.) No objection if moved for in the usual manner.
- (3.) I cannot think that any good purpose will result from delaying the extension as authorised.

(46.) Jury Panel for Trial of Bowling and Others :—Mr. Meagher asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that shortly before the trial of Peter Bowling and others at Darlinghurst, the jury list for the year had been completed and duly examined by the Sheriff?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the panel of the jury for the trial of Bowling and others was forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police; if so, for what purpose?
- (3.) Was a copy of the said panel then transmitted to the Metropolitan Superintendent of Police, and were the names gone through, and any list or lists made of the location of the various districts in which such jurymen lived?
- (4.) Were the Divisional Inspectors of Police communicated with as to the names and addresses of any of the said jurymen in their respective districts?
- (5.) Were any directions given as to making inquiries in relation to a jurymen's business, social status, identification with public affairs, or political belief?
- (6.) Did any member of the police supply any information in regard to any of the jurymen relative of the abovementioned matters?
- (7.) Was a copy of such jury panel returned to the Justice Department before the said trial, with the police information regarding the various jurymen on the said panel?
- (8.) In the original compilation of jury lists, is any inquiry made as to respectability or status of the names proposed to be placed thereon?
- (9.) If so, what necessity is there for further police inquiry when names on a jury panel are summoned for attendance at a trial?
- (10.) Is it the usual practice of the Justice Department, or any other branch of the Public Service, to have inquiries of the nature above indicated made concerning jurymen summoned or proposed to be summoned for attendance at trials?
- (11.) How many trials were held at Darlinghurst during the year 1909, besides that of Bowling?
- (12.) In how many of these trials was a jury panel sent through the Justice Department to the Police Department for a report as to the characteristics or otherwise of the personnel of the jury panel?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Sheriff summons jurors for the trial of criminal cases entirely on his own responsibility and without consultation with, or the knowledge of, the Crown Law officials. After jurors have been summoned, the Crown have the right in all cases to obtain from the police information with regard to any juror or jurors as to their impartiality, or as to their character, and it is the duty of the police to furnish any such information. Such a procedure is manifestly in the interests of the administration of justice, but inquiries are not authorised as to individual jurors' political beliefs. In the trial The King against Bowling, the Crown stood aside eight jurors and the defendants challenged thirty-nine.

## 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Bugilbone Bore Water Trust, Hollywood Bore Water Trust, Talmoi Bore Water Trust, Cooroobongatti Swamp Drainage Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, and Amended Regulations for carrying out the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, and in particular for the Election of Trustees.
- (2.) Report of the completion of Ashfield Low-level Sewerage, Contract No. 365.
- (3.) By-laws regulating Water Supply of the Municipalities of Hay, Coonamble, Cowra, Mittagong, Singleton, Picton, Warren, Nowra, Lismore, and By-law regulating Sewerage made by the Municipality of Lismore, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water for Singleton.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Lockhart to Clear Hills Railway.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Barren Jack Dam.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Barren Jack Dam.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Barren Jack Dam.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of water to Medlow Bath.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Sanitary Depôt, at Murrurundi.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

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- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
  - (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
  - (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
  - (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of water for Quirindi.
  - (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Cowra to Canowindra Railway.
  - (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Cowra to Canowindra Railway.
  - (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of water to the City of Sydney.
  - (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the drainage and improvements of Wandsworth-street, Parramatta.
  - (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Weir on the Nepean River, Penrith.
  - (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of water to the village of Batlow.
  - (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of an extension of the Sydney Technical College.
  - (27.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of water for Wollongong.
  - (28.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Wallsend to West Wallsend Tramway.
  - (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Kyogle to Casino Railway.
  - (30.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Hunter River District Water Supply.
  - (31.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of Dredging Depôts at The Broadwater, Richmond River.
  - (32.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of Sydney.
  - (33.) Minute of the Public Service Board, recommending the appointment, on probation, of Mr. L. H. Blanksby, as Engineering Surveyor, Department of Public Works.
  - (34.) Amended By-laws of the Municipality of Parramatta under the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905, and Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Mines for 1909.
  - (2.) Report of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1909.
  - (3.) Proclamation declaring Arsenic and Arsenical pyrites to be minerals within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (4.) Proclamation declaring certain portions of land, town of Muswellbrook, to be private lands under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (5.) Proclamation declaring certain portions of land, town of Adelong, to be private lands under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (6.) Proclamation declaring certain land, town of Young, to be private land under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (7.) Proclamation declaring certain land, town of Young, to be private land under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (8.) Proclamation declaring certain land, village of Hill End, to be private land under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (9.) Proclamation declaring certain portions of land, town of Muswellbrook, to be private lands under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (10.) Proclamation declaring certain portions of land, town of Peak Hill, to be private lands under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (11.) Proclamation declaring certain work to be a mining purpose within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (12.) Proclamation declaring certain work to be a mining purpose within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (13.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906.
  - (14.) Regulations under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Commission under Royal Sign Manual and Signet appointing William Portus Cullen, Esquire, LL.D., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, to be Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (2.) Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom making further provision for the administration of the Government of the State and its Dependencies in certain events.
- (3.) Message from His Majesty King George the Fifth, transmitted by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- (4.) Amended Regulations Nos. 98, 107, 296, and 432, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (5.) Report of Agreement, &c., of the Inter-State Conference, between the Commonwealth and State Premiers, held at Melbourne, August, 1909.

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- (6.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1909.  
 (7.) Report of the Deputy-Comptroller and Inspector of Prisons for 1909.  
 (8.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Liquor Acts.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1909.  
 (2.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for 1909.  
 (3.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.  
 (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1909.  
 (5.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1909.  
 (6.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Lorne, Wolumla South, Mongogaric, Glebe, Moorac Creek, Bingara, Paling Yards, Taloom, Dickygundi, and Wandandian.  
 (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Lewis Ponds, Wirrimbi, Croki, Boree Cabonne, Matraville, Bloomfield, and Upper Pocket.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Closer Settlement Facilitation Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

*Message No. 14.*

*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 promote the sale of private land under Closer Settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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*Sydney, 28th June, 1910.*

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

- (2.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

*Message No. 15.*

*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 Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 28th June, 1910.*

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

6. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.  
 Question put and passed.
7. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
 (2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.  
 Question put and passed.
8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Cann, Mr. Cohen, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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.
9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beeby, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Holman, Mr. Collins, Mr. Levy, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of the 6th August, 1862.  
 Question put and passed.
10. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Levien, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
 Question put and passed.

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11. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade, *on behalf of* Mr. Oakes, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Robson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Estell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Horne, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. Oakes, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders, or the House, direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means), which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers or abstracts thereof to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed unless the House otherwise order.

(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.

(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. James,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Brown,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hindmarsh.

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Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Ashford,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Horne.
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Dacey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Cohen made his acknowledgments to the House.

13. EARLY CLOSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson 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 Early Closing Act, so as to provide for a universal Saturday half-holiday within the Metropolitan and certain other districts of this State, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

14. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—Mr. Lee, *on behalf of* Mr. Wade, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

15. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Lee, *on behalf of* Mr. Wade, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

16. SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY BILL:—Mr. Lee, *on behalf of* Mr. Wade, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops, and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

17. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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18. CLOSER SETTLEMENT FACILITATION BILL:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereon.  
Question put and passed.
19. HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Homing Pigeons Protection Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous 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 amendments made by the Legislative Council be further considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE, 1910.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported* :—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 21st June, 1910, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was, therefore, open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

(2.) *Members Sworn* :—John Henry Cann, Esquire, Daniel Levy, Esquire, Robert Davidson, Esquire, Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire, and John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

- (1.) Workmen's Compensation Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

*Message No. 16.*

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 with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th June, 1910.*

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

- (2.) Saturday Half-holiday Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops; to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th June, 1910.*

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

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## 3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mrs. Catherine Scott's Mining Lease :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the private mining agreement, dated 11th May, 1897, between Samuel Seberry and F. T. Winters, covering 15 acres, part of portion 7, parish Baratta, county Cunningham, been cancelled?
  - (2.) Has the application made by Mrs. Catherine Scott, and dated 26th October, 1909, for a mining lease of 15 acres of land, being part of portion 7, parish Baratta, county Cunningham, been granted?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) According to local registers, agreement was abandoned.
- (2.) No.

- (2.) Railway, Collarenebri East to Collarenebri :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he found it possible to obtain a better route for the proposed extension of the railway from Collarenebri East to the township of Collarenebri?
  - (2.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed extension, exclusive of the cost of the work already carried out?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to complete this short section; if so, when?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) £46,000; this estimate was made in 1907.
- (3.) Will be considered when the railway policy is being determined.

- (3.) Land Leases in Western Division :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many leases were recently made available in the Western Division?
  - (2.) How many applicants were there for these leases?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that under the Western Lands Act the Commissioners have the exclusive power of allotting these leases to whichever applicant they deem to be the most eligible?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that this method of allotting these leases is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction amongst the various applicants and the public generally?
  - (5.) In order to give every eligible applicant an equal opportunity of securing land in the Western Division, will he introduce this Session amending legislation that will permit of such applicants going to a ballot under similar conditions to those followed by the Local Land Boards in the Central and Eastern Divisions?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Eighteen, in the Walgett and Brewarrina Districts.
- (2.) 359.
- (3.) Yes, the issue of a lease being, however, subject to the approval of the Minister.
- (4.) The Western Lands Commissioners report that where the details of administration have not been understood, exception has been taken to the absence of the application of the ballot system in the selection of lessees, but that, as far as can be ascertained, no dissatisfaction has been expressed after applicants have become familiar with the procedure.
- (5.) Will receive consideration.

- (4.) Children's Court :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the cases of the Children's Court at Ormond House are enormously in arrears?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that only two sittings a week are held at this Court?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that some cases have been waiting from an early date in May, and are not yet disposed of?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that these delays cause great expense and suffering to a very unfortunate class of litigants?
  - (5.) Will he take steps to see that additional sittings are held, in order that the arrears of work may be overtaken?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I understand that there are no arrears in that portion of the work of the Children's Court taken by Mr. Murphy. In the Affiliation Court, however, there are sixteen defended cases at present awaiting hearing. Several, however, are part heard.
- (2.) There are only two regular sitting days each week for affiliation cases, but the Magistrate sits on other days when business at the police courts at which he presides will permit.
- (3.) Three cases which began early in May are not yet finished. I understand, however, that they are part heard.
- (4 and 5.) Necessary steps will be taken to enable the arrears to be overtaken at an early date.

- (5.) Crown Lands for Settlement, Bulga and Comboyne :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of intending settlers are waiting for the opening of the land known as the Bulga?
  - (2.) Will he expedite the construction of the road from Wingham to the Bulga, and the opening up of the land for settlement?
  - (3.) The like information regarding the remaining Crown lands on the Comboyne adjoining?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Representations to this effect were made by the Honorable Member.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Comboyne-road is being constructed. One subdivision was gazetted on 2nd February, 1910, and the remaining one will be gazetted as soon as a suitable date is arranged for the Land Board to deal with the applications. (6.)

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- (6.) Land for Settlement, North Coast District :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) In view of the desire of settlers for the opening up of the land on the North Coast, what steps are being taken to open up the lands in the counties of Durham, Hawes, Macquarie and Gloucester?
  - (2.) What is the total area of land now available?
  - (3.) What areas is it proposed to throw open for settlement?
  - (4.) Will he expedite the matter?

Mr. Moore answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member will be furnished to him in the form of a return as early as possible.

- (7.) North Coast Railway Deviations :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he had an opportunity of inquiring into the various proposed deviations submitted to him by the various districts in connection with the North Coast Railway?
  - (2.) Have reports been obtained as promised in connection with such proposals; if not, will he cause a survey to be made and report in all cases which have been submitted to him in favour of any such deviations?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes, between Maitland and Kempsey and Coff's Harbour and South Grafton.
- (2.) Yes, with the exception of the portion between Kempsey and Coff's Harbour, on which deviations are now being investigated.

- (8.) Delays in Public School Construction and Repair Works :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there has been considerable delay in the preparation of plans and the calling for tenders and the carrying out of repairs, alterations, additions and new work in connection with the public schools of the State?
- (2.) Who is responsible for such delays in connection with public school buildings, the Department of Public Works or the Department of Public Instruction?
- (3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be instituted and expedite such works in future?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The great increase in the number of works carried out by the Department during the past twelve months, and the necessity for distributing them over the year so as to avoid congestion at any one period, have led to delay in some instances, but, generally speaking, the works are carried out expeditiously. In view of these facts, inquiry into the alleged delays is not considered necessary.

- (9.) Newcastle Tramways :—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any consideration been given to the necessity for electrifying the tramway system of Newcastle and district?
- (2.) If so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Oakes answered,—It is the intention to electrify the tramways of Newcastle and suburbs when funds can be provided.

- (10.) Railway through Tooloom Estate from Kyogle to Acacia Creek :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he promised to construct a railway from Kyogle to Acacia Creek, in his own electorate?
- (2.) Will this line run through Tooloom Estate?
- (3.) Has anything been done in the direction of having this estate earmarked for closer settlement?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A trial survey is being made from Kyogle to Acacia Creek, preliminary to reference to the Public Works Committee.
- (2.) It may pass through the Tooloom Holding, but chiefly through the portion that has been sold.
- (3.) Any estates any railway authorised by Parliament passes through, will be dealt with by my Honorable Colleague under the provisions of the law affecting them.

- (11.) Punishment of Railway Employees :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Under what system, if any, are fines and other forms of punishment inflicted upon railway employees, such as drivers and firemen, and by whom are such penalties determined?
- (2.) Is it a fact that recently at Molong a goods driver was reduced in pay for a period, and a fireman fined and disgraced, because the staff was missed; and that, upon appeal, a nominal fine was substituted in each case?
- (3.) Will he enquire whether it would not be preferable that some power should be vested in a central authority on each of the main lines to deal with cases such as those alluded to, instead of having them dealt with by an officer in the Metropolis, who is unaware of local conditions?
- (4.) Will he make representations to the Commissioners, with the view of having this suggestion adopted?

Mr. Oakes answered,—My Honorable Colleague is informed :—

- (1.) Each case is considered on its merits, and any punishment involving fines, loss of pay or disrating, is decided by the head of the branch.
- (2.) Yes; this being a very serious breach of the regulations for safe working. The occurrence taking place prior to the notification as to more drastic punishment for such irregularities being published in the "Weekly Notice," and the applicants' previous good record, the Appeals Board reduced the punishment inflicted.
- (3 and 4.) Each case is fully investigated by the local officer in charge of the section, and the result, with recommendation, forwarded to the head of the branch for final decision in accordance with the provisions of the Government Railways Act.

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(12.) Extension of Western Railway Tourist Area to Orange :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that repeated applications have been made to the Railway Commissioners to extend the tourist area on the Western Line from Bathurst, its present terminus, to Orange, and that such applications have been refused?

(2.) Is he aware that Orange is looked upon as the sanatorium of the west, the centre in which "farther-out" residents spend the summer months, and where Bathurst people put in the winter; and will he, in view of his knowledge of these two and other such points, once again urge upon the Commissioners the desirability of effecting the alteration applied for?

Mr. Oakes answered,—My Honorable Colleague is informed :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not considered that the circumstances warrant an extension of the western tourist area to Orange.

(13.) Moree Experimental Farm :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) On what date was the experimental farm at Moree closed?

(2.) What is proposed to be done with the area formerly included in the farm?

(3.) Has the bore been handed over to the municipal council; if not, what is intended to be done with it?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) 15th May, 1910.

(2.) The area reverted to the Lands Department.

(3.) The bore and the baths have been transferred to the Works Department.

(14.) Lord Mayor's Flood Relief Fund :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Premier,—

(1.) In reference to the Lord Mayor's Flood Relief Fund, collected in response to appeals during the early part of this year, can he say whether the whole amount subscribed has been disbursed, and if a balance-sheet has been, or is likely to be, published?

(2.) Was any distinction made in the allotment of the money between losses by the destruction of fencing, stock, sheds, houses, and plant; if so, to what extent?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Government has no authority in connection with the administration of this fund. I feel sure, however, that the Lord Mayor, if applied to, would be willing to afford the Honorable Member information with regard to it.

(15.) Dismissal of Arthur Denman, School Teacher, Kyeamba :—Mr. Minahan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers in connection with the dismissal from the Service of Arthur Denman, school-teacher at Kyeamba?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Yes, if ordered by the House in the form of a return.

(16.) Petition of J. J. Matthews—Gore Estate :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Horne, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to Petition presented by Mr. J. J. Matthews to His Excellency the Governor in *re* Gore Estate, under provisions of the Act 5 Wm. IV, No. 21, and referred to the Lands Department, has he considered the advisability of granting inquiry by the "Court of Claims" asked for; and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Moore answered,—The matter is under reference to the Crown Solicitor for advice.

#### 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation No. 62, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Factories and Shops Act, 1896, and the Factories and Shops (Amendment) Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

#### 5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed until Tuesday next :—

(1.) Early Closing Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Early Closing Act, so as to provide for a universal Saturday half-holiday within the Metropolitan and certain other districts of this State; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Stuart-Robertson.*]

(2.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy.*]

#### 6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes.

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

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(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

7. SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops, and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops, and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

8. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

9. SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY BILL :—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for a Saturday Half-holiday every Saturday in shops, and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 JUNE, 1910.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—

- (a) £150, from Vote "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To pay officers of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement," to Vote "Purchase of Law Books, &c."  
 (b) £450, from Vote "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To pay officers of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies."  
 (c) £100, from Vote "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To pay officers of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement," to Vote "Judges—Contingencies."  
 (d) £50, from Vote "Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce—Contingencies," to Vote "Master-in-Equity—Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Suction Gas Pumping Plant, Wentworth Irrigation Area :—*Mr Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph appearing in the issue of the *Federal Standard*, published at Wentworth on the 28th day of May last, referring to the recently installed gas suction plant at the Wentworth Irrigation Area, in lieu of the old steam pumping plant, in which amongst other things it is stated that an awful bungler has been made by some one, but whether the Department, its officers, or the Contractors, the proper test of the engine will decide?  
 (2.) Is it apparent an engine double the power of the present is necessary for the work?  
 (3.) Will he despatch a qualified man to examine into such statements and make the test of this plant, and especially its capacity to supply the water so urgently needed by the irrigation settlement?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—From the information now to hand, it cannot be stated definitely whether the above statements are correct or not; but inquiries are being made in connection with the matter.

- (2.) Unumgar Holding, Tenterfield—Tick Quarantine :—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Was Unumgar Holding, in the Tenterfield District, recently placed under quarantine in connection with the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act?  
 (2.) Were any ticks discovered upon the run on any stock belonging to the station prior to the date of quarantining?  
 (3.) If so, by whom were the discoveries made, at what dates, and in what quantities?  
 (4.) If no ticks were discovered, what is the reason assigned for quarantining the run?  
 (5.) Who are the registered owners of Unumgar Station?  
 (6.) Did such owner or owners protest against the quarantining of the holding?  
 (7.) If so, was such protest dealt with, and how?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Unumgar Holding is included within the Kyogle quarantine area.
- (2.) No, but were discovered shortly afterwards.
- (3.) One tick was discovered by Assistant Inspector Arthur, April, 1909.
- (4.) Answered by reply to Question 3.
- (5.) The members of the Hill family.
- (6.) A number of protests were received from the Hill family.
- (7.) They were informed that the question of release of the holding from quarantine could not be considered until it was absolutely known that it was free from tick infestation.

(3.) Country Justices of the Peace:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the very great inconvenience occasioned in some outlying country districts through the scarcity of Justices of the Peace been brought under his notice?
- (2.) Will he consider the wisdom of at once appointing a batch of justices, giving special consideration to the inland district nominations?

Mr. Wood answered,—The matter will receive consideration, but few complaints of inconvenience have reached me.

(4.) Case of James A. Taylor, Warialda District:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was a prosecution instituted by the Lands Department against James A. Taylor, a settlement lessee in the Warialda District; if so, what offence was alleged?
- (2.) Did Mr. Taylor ask that the case should be heard at Moree, the nearest District Court town, instead of at Sydney?
- (3.) If so, why was the case brought to Sydney?
- (4.) What was the decision of the Court in the case?
- (5.) Has the verdict been enforced?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) No. Civil proceedings claiming damages (£500) for the value of timber destroyed by Taylor on his settlement lease were instituted in the Supreme Court.
- (2.) Mr. Taylor's solicitor suggested that the matter be referred to the Police Magistrate, Local Land Board, or District Court, at Moree, whose decision should be final between the parties.
- (3.) It was considered necessary to have a decision of the Supreme Court upon an important question of law which was involved.
- (4 and 5.) The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £250, but subsequently it was decided to reduce the amount to the royalty value of the timber destroyed and costs, in all £213 10s., which has not yet been paid.

(5.) Sale of Adulterated Liquor:—Mr. Broughton asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the Public Press of a lecture by Dr. Caro, in which the following statement appears:—"Things that were forbidden in bread were put into drink, such as ether, opium, strychnine, and arsenic. They even put Worcester sauce, salt, mustard, vinegar, and tobacco. Such was the stuff that was handed over some of the counters in New South Wales. Every time a man drank spirits he absorbed half that was pure poison"?
- (2.) If so, will he make inquiry of the Police Department as to the truth or otherwise of the statement?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Samples of liquor are constantly being taken by the police from hotels throughout the City and suburbs, and also in the country. Analysis never reveals the existence of any adulteration other than that of adding too much water.

(6.) Increases of Salaries of Nurses in Asylums:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, in dealing with the promised increases to public servants in the lower grades of the Service, consider the nurses of the various State asylums with a view to granting increases to them?

Mr. Wood answered,—The matter is under consideration.

(7.) Payment of "Dirt Money" to Fitters in Railway Service:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some months back application was made for payment of "dirt money" to the fitters employed in the Railway Service both at Eveleigh and Tranway Workshops at Randwick, and that the Commissioners agreed to pay same?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in regard to the foregoing, only partial payments have been made, and that as far back as April representation was made to the Commissioners, by the Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, that in many cases 50 per cent. of the amounts actually due only had been paid?
- (3.) Did the Railway Commissioners ask early in May for specific instances of same?
- (4.) Was same forthwith supplied, including instances of fitters engaged "stripping" locomotives at Eveleigh, and of over fifty fitters at Randwick sheds?
- (5.) If so, what is the reason of the delay in paying the men the balance of "dirt money" due to them?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the Chief Commissioner approved of "dirt money" being paid to men who, it was considered, were entitled to it.
- (2, 3, 4, and 5.) On payment being made, the Amalgamated Society of Engineers represented that further amounts were due; they were asked to furnish specific cases to support that contention. This has been done, and the matter is now being dealt with. The question is somewhat involved, and is not being unduly delayed.

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- (8.) Professor Anderson Stuart :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Minahan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many positions does Professor Anderson Stuart hold under the Government?
  - (2.) What is the amount of remuneration he receives, showing the separate amount in each case?
- Mr. Wood answered,—I am not in a position to speak of other Departments, but, so far as the Chief Secretary's Department is concerned, Professor Anderson Stuart is a member of the Board of Health, with fees of £100 a year, and a member of the Dental Board, with fees not exceeding twenty-five guineas during any one year.
- (9.) Police Force :—*Mr. G. A. Jones*, for Mr. Burgess, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it intended to make any addition to the strength of the Police Force to provide for the extra seven days per annum leave of absence given last year?
  - (2.) What number of men would be required in the Metropolitan District to meet this additional leave?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that recently, at some of the City stations, only one or two constables were available for duty during the night-time for the whole division?
  - (4.) Will he take the necessary steps to remedy this condition of affairs?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) None.
  - (3.) No.
  - (4.) Such a condition of affairs does not exist. The Honorable Member has evidently been misinformed.
- (10.) Inspection of Police Stations :—*Mr. Page* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there a general order that a Superintendent of Police shall inspect every station in his district at least once in each year?
  - (2.) Is this order carried out in the eastern districts; if not, why not?
  - (3.) Is there any departmental reason why regular inspection is essential in other districts and unnecessary in this district?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The police stations in the Eastern District have been regularly inspected by the Superintendent in charge with the exception of a few small and unimportant places, but such stations have been inspected regularly by the officer in charge of the sub-district.
- (11.) Conduct of Police during Federal Elections :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Peters, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been made that members of the Police Force took an active part in the recent Federal Elections?
  - (2.) Have police officers in several districts been directed to make inquiries as to the part taken by junior officers in regard to the late Elections?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that a circular has recently been issued prohibiting police taking part in elections?
  - (4.) Was it ascertained by these inquiries, that the police complained of were assisting the Liberal Party, and no further action taken?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) Yes; one from the Member for Monaro, Mr. Miller.
  - (2.) Not that I am aware of.
  - (3.) Yes, beyond recording their votes.
  - (4.) No.
- (12.) Use of Government Motor Cars by Officers :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Gus. Miller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the Government motor cars regularly used to convey a public officer between his home and his office?
  - (2.) Does he approve of this?
  - (3.) Does he purpose extending the system so as to permit other Government employees having the use of the Government cars for their private convenience?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The Government motor cars are in charge of the Police Department and quartered at the Head Office. They are driven by police. When not otherwise engaged one conveys the Inspector-General from his residence to the office of a morning, with my concurrence.
- (13.) Hours of Duty of Police :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many hours daily do the constables in the Metropolitan Police District attend duty?
  - (2.) Is it the practice to give constables, working extra hours any day, time off in compensation?
  - (3.) What hours daily do officers in charge of stations in the Metropolitan District attend to their duty?
  - (4.) Is there any regulation as to the hours of duty for police officers in charge of stations, or any consideration given them when they work extra hours attending duty?
  - (5.) Will he consider whether an average of eight hours daily is sufficient for such police officers to attend duty?
  - (6.) Will he endeavour to arrange for eight hours daily work for such officers, except on special unavoidable occasions?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) Eight hours.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) If officers (*i.e.*, Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors) are meant, fully twelve hours.
  - (4.) No, not to officers.
  - (5.) All police under the rank of Sub-Inspector only perform eight hours' duty on an average.
  - (6.) The ordinary hours for metropolitan police are eight, except under special circumstances, such as a strike or unforeseen event, when a little extra must be done. (14.)

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- (14.) Use of Police Horses :—Mr. Minahan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have police horses been lent or given to high Federal or State officials?
  - (2.) If so, how long have such horses been away from the Police Barracks, and is it intended they shall be returned?
  - (3.) Upon whose authority, and upon what conditions, were these horses lent?
  - (4.) Are the police horses in the Metropolitan District lent to, or ridden by, persons other than members of the Police Force?
  - (5.) Upon whose authority, and for what reasons, are police horses so lent?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) A police horse was lent to Colonel Vernon during military reviews, and two horses were lent to Lord Kitchener's Staff for a few days, the latter by the authority of the Premier and the former by the Inspector-General.  
(4 and 5.) No.

- (15.) Collection of Electoral Rolls by Police :—Mr. Ashford asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the country police yet been paid for collecting the State Electoral Rolls?
  - (2.) If not, why not?

Mr. Wood answered,—Yes.

- (16.) Lands affected by Barren Jack Weir :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has any finality been reached in regard to the valuing of the lands which will be submerged by the water backed up by the Barren Jack Weir?
  - (2.) If so, will he let those concerned know the values placed upon their holdings?
  - (3.) If not, will he see that finality is reached, as far as his Department is concerned, as early as possible?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) No; but the exact areas that will be submerged in the respective holdings, and whether it will be to mutual interest to take the whole or portions of the affected properties, are now being determined.  
(3.) Yes.

- (17.) Criminal Cases :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) In how many cases of criminal trials before juries during 1909 were verdicts of guilty returned?
  - (2.) In how many cases were verdicts of acquittal returned?
  - (3.) In how many cases of crimes of the same degree of seriousness reported to the police were there no trials?
  - (4.) In how many cases was this due to—(a) no arrests being made; (b) arrests being made, but not sufficient evidence being obtained to warrant a committal?
  - (5.) Altogether, how many crimes serious enough to be tried before a jury were reported to the police, and went unpunished, during the year 1909?

Mr. Wade answered,—It will take some time to obtain all the information desired by the Honorable Member. When ready, it will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (18.) Overtime in Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the Government Savings Bank much overtime is worked for which employees are not paid by the hour, but receive gratuities?
  - (2.) What is the average amount of such gratuities per employee on each occasion?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that it is the intention of the Department not to recompense employees for any overtime worked this year?
  - (4.) If so, will he take steps to have working overtime done away with, or else have the employees properly paid for it?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1 and 2.) In completing the work incidental to the new system of keeping Savings Bank accounts a considerable amount of overtime was rendered necessary for which gratuities were distributed amongst the officers concerned, to the extent of £2,945 19s. 4d.

(3.) On the 1st January last the Commissioners granted liberal increases in salary to the extent of £3,595. At the end of the year the Commissioners will consider whether the circumstances are such as to warrant them making any further payment to the staff for special overtime worked during the year.

(4.) When a few special matters remaining to be completed have been disposed of, there will be no occasion to ask the staff to work beyond the usual hours, except for about two weeks per year at balance periods. In this connection it might be pointed out that during the balance periods this Bank is open to the public for the transaction of business as usual.

- (19.) Public School, Redhead :—Mr. Edden asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he yet decided to erect a public school at Redhead; if so, when is the work likely to be commenced?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Yes. When a suitable site has been secured, the erection of the building will be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible.

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(20.) Inspection of Rocky Creek and Strathbogie Holdings for Mining Purposes :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did an officer of his Department recently report upon Rocky Creek and Strathbogie Holdings as to the need of the lands included in the forfeited improvement leases for mining purposes?
- (2.) Did that officer, during his inspection of the said lands, stay with the manager of the station, and was he driven over the area by the manager?
- (3.) If so, does he consider, without reflecting upon the integrity of the officer, it right or advisable for public officials to be guests of persons financially interested in the report of such officials?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) A report was furnished by an officer of this Department on 31st December, 1908.
- (2.) No.

(21.) Police in Country Districts :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that constables performing duty in country districts are engaged for seven days each week?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of granting accumulated leave in conjunction with the ordinary leave to constables who are employed on Sundays and holidays, the time of such accumulated leave to be equal to the extra time worked?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Every constable in the force is engaged and paid for seven days in the week, because his services are required.
- (2.) No.

(22.) Forestry Reserves, Gloucester Electorate :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large area of land is included in the forest reserves and temporary reserves in the Gloucester Electorate, including the counties of Gloucester, Hawes, Macquarie, Durham, and adjoining counties, which is not adapted for forestry purposes?
- (2.) Will he take steps to confer with the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry with a view to the opening up of such lands for settlement?
- (3.) Does a similar condition exist in connection with mining reserves, and will he adopt a similar course in connection with the mining reserves in the counties named in Question No. 1?
- (4.) Will he have the necessary action expedited so as to make the lands available for selection?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to say what area of land included in forest reserves within the counties named is not adapted for forestry purposes.
- (2.) The whole question of classifying forest reserves is engaging the attention of my Honorable Colleague, the Minister for Agriculture, who has conferred with me on the subject, and the necessary action is being expedited.
- (3 and 4.) I will have inquiries made, and any representations the Honorable Member may make regarding reserves in any particular locality will receive early attention.

### 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation No. 362, and Amended Form No. 109, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1909.
- (2.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (3.) Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) Act, 1906, made by the Coreen Shire Council.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

### 4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The refusal of the Railway Commissioners to extend the Tourist Area to Orange.”

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.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

### 6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL [*hitherto* “CLOSER SETTLEMENT FACILITATION BILL”] :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, 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 promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Dacey pointed out that Order of the Day No. 4 had been read without Orders Nos. 1, 2, and 3 having been first postponed, and contended that intervening business should be postponed on Question put from the Chair before other business could be proceeded with.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker said it has been the practice for many years that the Government take their business in the order they choose without formally postponing the intervening business, the Minister in charge merely intimating what business he intends to proceed with. He quoted a ruling given on the 11th December, 1902 (*Votes and Proceedings*, 1902, page 567), in support of what he had stated.

Question put and passed.

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 promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Amending Crown Lands Bill:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,— Will he, in any Amending Land Bill submitted during the present Session, include a provision to so amend the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908, in section 28, as to carry out the intention of Parliament when dealing with the Forestry Bill so as to exclude the holders of all homestead selections, conditional purchase leases, and conditional purchases from the royalty provisions of the Forestry Act, and from any conditions whatever with regard to forestry?

Mr. Moore answered,—It is not considered advisable to alter the law to the extent proposed by the Honorable Member.

(2.) Forest Reserves:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—  
 (1.) What steps, if any, have been taken to establish permanent forest reserves and temporary forest reserves in accordance with the provisions of the Forestry Act?  
 (2.) What methods are adopted in carrying out this work?  
 (3.) When is it anticipated that the classification will be completed?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) All classification reports prior to the 1st January, 1910, have been collected and scheduled under districts.  
 (2.) Proposed State forests will be reported upon conjointly by the District Forest Officer and Surveyor.  
 (3.) Within the time allowed by the Act.

(3.) Amending Electoral Bill:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) In any Electoral Amending Bill introduced during the present Session, will it be provided that a contingent vote shall be taken in order to establish majority representation?  
 (2.) Will facilities be provided in country electorates wherever necessary in the shape of polling-booths so that women electors as well as men may record their votes with the minimum of difficulty?

Mr. Wood answered,—The features of the Bill are at present under consideration. Every reasonable facility will be given to voters, with a special view of providing for the women electors.

(4.) Coal imported by Government:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Premier,—  
 (1.) How much coal was imported from oversea ports by the Government during the recent coal strike?  
 (2.) What price per ton was paid for such coal, and from what country purchased?  
 (3.) How much of such coal was utilised by the Government, how much resold, and at what price?  
 (4.) How much, if any, of such coal remains on hand at the present time?  
 (5.) Were all the orders for coal given by the Government fulfilled?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I would ask the Honorable Member to move for this information in the form of a return.

(5.)



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- (5.) Removal of Flemington Cattle Saleyards :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Premier,—What steps does he propose to take in connection with the removal of the cattle saleyards at Flemington to a site within the Abattoir area?

Mr. Wade answered,—I stated to a representative deputation, which waited upon me in February last, that as extensive works designed to improve the saleyards were being carried out, it would be premature to ask the Government to give a decision as to the removal of the yards to the Abattoir area. At the same time I intimated that if, after the assembling of Parliament for the current Session, further representations were considered necessary, and a case were made out that the alterations and new works had proved inadequate, or that the saleyards were in an unsatisfactory position, the question of the erection of new yards within the Abattoir area, at Homebush Bay, would be referred to the Public Works Committee. I have arranged to receive further representations from producers and others interested in the saleyards in the course of a few days.

- (6.) Concessions in Disposal of Inferior Lands :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—In the Amending Land Bill which he proposes to introduce this Session, will he consider the desirableness of making a special concession in the disposal of inferior lands, or lands requiring the expenditure of much capital—such as the Pilliga Scrub lands—by suspending payment of rent for a period of five years in consideration of certain improvements being effected by the lessee, the Crown to forego such rent in the event of the said improvements being carried out to their satisfaction?

Mr. Moore answered,—The question of liberalising the conditions applying to lands of the character indicated is receiving consideration.

- (7.) Summonses under Industrial Disputes Act :—Mr. Dooley asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Government to issue summonses for breaches of the Awards under the Industrial Disputes Act?

(2.) How many summonses have been issued by the Government, and the total amount of fines in cases where the Government has taken action?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) No. Hitherto it has been thought that this work could be safely left to the parties directly affected.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (8.) Timber Licenses :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Was a man named Hartnett recently fined at Yass for cutting timber without a license on Crown lands and a travelling stock reserve, in the parish of Illalong?

(2.) Did the man's employer, Whitfield, apply for a timber license, first at Yass, then at Binalong, then at Burrowa, and finally to the Forestry Department, Sydney?

(3.) Is any person in the district in which the timber was cut authorised to issue licenses?

(4.) Has the license been granted; if so, what is the date of it?

(5.) Is it a fact that the application to the Forestry Department for a license was made, and the money paid for it, before a stick of timber was cut?

(6.) Has the timber been impounded; if so, will he order its release at once?

(7.) Will he do what is necessary to prevent people being persecuted who have only technically broken the law?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the 20th June, for cutting timber without license on the 14th day of June.

(2 and 4.) Application was made to the Department by one Whitfield for three licenses, which have since been issued to date from 23rd June to the 22nd July; such application was dated the 14th, and received on the 16th day of June.

(3.) No; the land is a camping reserve and exempt by regulations from timber cutting, unless specially authorised.

(5, 6, and 7.) Obtaining timber without holding a license is a breach of the law, but as application had been made I have for the present waived doubt on the point of a technical breach and directed release of the timber on payment of royalty. Further inquiry in this direction will, however, be made.

- (9.) Police Station, Dalton :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date was an application made for repairs and improvements to the police station at Dalton?

(2.) What steps have since been taken to carry out these repairs?

(3.) When might they be expected to be carried out?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member's letter of application is dated 10th June, 1909.

(2 and 3.) Plans, &c., have been prepared and the work will be proceeded with when the necessary Vote has been obtained.

- (10.) Messrs. Langdon and Langdon's Leases, Rozelle Bay :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What land is leased by the Harbour Trust to Messrs. Langdon and Langdon at Rozelle Bay?

(2.) What is the area of each block leased, the date and term of each lease, also the part of such term yet to run?

(3.) Who pays the rates and taxes on this land?

(4.) What is the rent of each lease?

(5.) What is the capital value of the land within each lease?

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

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(11.) Dismissal of Railway Fettlers at Yarra, near Goulburn:—*Mr. Cusack* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the members of a gang of temporary fettlers working at Yarra, near Goulburn, apply for a day off, in March last, to attend the Goulburn Show?
- (2.) Was such application refused?
- (3.) Did a majority of the gang go to the show, notwithstanding the refusal?
- (4.) Is it a fact that three members of the gang refrained from standing down with the others when the decision to go to the show was arrived at?
- (5.) What are the names of the three who refused to stand down?
- (6.) Were any of these three dismissed as well as those who went to the show?
- (7.) If so, why were they dismissed?
- (8.) Will steps be taken to reinstate the men who did not knock off?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The gang referred to were purely extra men engaged in resleepering, which would have been completed in about one week's time and the men paid off.
- (2.) Yes, as the break in the work was against the interests of the Department.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Four men remained in camp. They were called upon by the ganger to go to work at the usual time, but only one responded. He is still employed.
- (5.) None of the three remaining men agreed to stand down.
- (6.) Yes, the three were dismissed.
- (7.) Refusing to go on duty.
- (8.) No, as the work they were engaged upon has been completed.

(12.) Industrial Disputes Act Schedule—Inclusion of Watchmen and Others:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Carmichael*, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a Union has been formed for the watchmen, caretakers, and cleaners of Sydney, and that it is fully representative of the men employed in these callings; if so, is this Union desirous of being placed in the Schedule to the Industrial Disputes Act?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have the Union so included?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1.) I understand such a Union has been formed, and application has been made by it for inclusion in the Schedule.
- (2.) The matter is being inquired into.

(13.) Purchase of "Royal Hotel," Sydney, for Government Savings Bank:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Carmichael*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the property known as the "Royal Hotel," situate in George-street, been purchased by the Government for carrying on the business of the Government Savings Bank?
- (2.) Has he considered the probable blocking of traffic that will ensue, and the general unsuitability of the premises for such a Bank?
- (3.) Is the site of the Girls' High School, having frontages to Elizabeth and Castlereagh streets the property of the Government, and was the suitability of that site considered?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) No. The property was purchased by the Commissioners themselves for banking purposes in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Act.
- (2.) The Commissioners inform me that before completing the purchase, the matter was carefully considered in all its bearings, and that no more suitable site was available. They do not anticipate that there will be any blocking of traffic as in the design of the new building adequate provision will be made as to entrances and exits.
- (3.) In the opinion of the Commissioners the site referred to by the Honorable Member was not at all suitable for the purpose of erection of central banking premises.

(14.) Dynamo on Pilot Steamer "Captain Cook":—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Carmichael*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the pilot steamer "Captain Cook" is fitted with a very inferior dynamo, and in order to use the searchlight, all the lights have to be turned off?
- (2.) Will he have an up-to-date dynamo fitted in the vessel?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the dynamo fitted in the pilot steamer "Captain Cook" was never powerful enough to work all the lights and search-lights at one time.
- (2.) The question of installing a more powerful dynamo has been under consideration, but the matter is not urgent, and it is thought that it can be deferred for some time longer when the installation of a new dynamo will be necessary.

(15.) Promotions in Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Carmichael*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is there a vacancy in the Government Printing Office caused by the promotion of the Overseer of the Binding Branch?
- (2.) Is there any truth in the report that *Mr. W. Anderson* is to be appointed to the position as against men of greater experience and much longer service?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No recommendation for filling the vacancy has yet been made. The claims of all officers eligible for the position will be considered.

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(16.) Increases of Pay to Girls, Government Printing Office :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Carmichael*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In regard to increases of pay for the girls in the Government Printing Office, will those girls who were recommended by the Government Printer for promotion as from January last, receive their increment as from that date?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—These increments took effect from January last, and were paid on the 30th ultimo.

(17.) Railway Rates on Farming Machinery and Cordials :—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the charge per ton made by the Chief Commissioner for Railways on the carriage of traction engines, ploughs, &c., for farming purposes, in six-ton lots, from Darling Harbour to Inverell and Moree Stations, respectively?

(2.) What is the charge per ton made upon the carriage of Sydney-made sodawater, in six-ton lots, from Darling Harbour to Inverell and Moree Stations, respectively?

(3.) Is there any back carriage in connection with either farming implements or the cordials; if so, how much, and at what rates per ton?

(4.) What is the net revenue per ton on each six-ton waggon for the whole journey in respect to each of the above stations for farming implements and cordials?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) To Inverell, £2 17s. 10d. per ton; to Moree, £2 10s. per ton.

(2.) In six-ton lots per four-wheeled truck—to Inverell, £2 17s. 10d. per ton; to Moree, £2 10s. per ton.

(3.) There is no back loading from Inverell or Moree in the shape of farming implements or cordials.

(4.) The net revenue per truck cannot be given.

2. ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION (LIMITED) :—*Mr. Parkes*, on behalf of *Mr. Morton*, presented a Petition from the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited), representing that on the 17th October, 1907, Petitioning Corporation presented a Petition setting forth statements which invited full inquiry into such statements, with the ultimate object of leading to a disposal of a sum of £10,000 lodged by Petitioning Corporation under statutory conditions which Petitioning Corporation allege and believe gave no executive power of forfeiture; that Petitioning Corporation have in no way asked for more than full inquiry into the statements set forth in their Petition; and praying the House to consider the Petition referred to.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

*Mr. Waddell* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation amending the Regulations contained in the Seventh Schedule to the Navigation Act, 1901.

(2.) Particulars respecting the land at Rozelle Bay held under lease by Messrs. Langdon and Langdon from the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Wade* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Twenty-ninth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

(2.) Report of the Inter-State Departmental Conference on Uniform Standards for Foods and Drugs.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Wood* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Executive Committee of the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund for 1909.

(2.) Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Lee* laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL :—*Mr. Moore*, pursuant to leave granted on the 30th June, 1910, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. 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 30th day of June, 1910, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering *John Jacob Cohen*, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

"By His Excellency The Right Honorable *FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER*, BARON CHELMSFORD, Knight

"Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 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, *FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER*, BARON

"CHELMSFORD, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise *John Jacob Cohen*,

"Esquire,

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“ 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 thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine  
 “ hundred and ten, and in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the  
 “ Fifth.

“ CHELMSFORD,  
 “ Governor.

“ By His Excellency's Command,  
 “ CHARLES A. LEE.”

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Canterbury, Mr. Parkes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“ The urgent need of  
 “ at once extending the Railway System into and through the City.”  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Nielsen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Grahame,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Perry,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Barton.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Taylor.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. HOMING PIGEONS 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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended some, disagreed to one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the report was adopted.
8. EARLY CLOSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Early Closing Act, so as to provide for a universal Saturday half-holiday within the Metropolitan and certain other districts of this State; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Minahan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. McNeill,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Barton.
Colonel Onslow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.

And so it passed in the negative,

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9. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Levy 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. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 19th July.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Bennelong Point Wharf :—*Mr. Fallick*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Premier,—What steps do the Government intend to take regarding the proposed construction of a wharf at Bennelong Point?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—The matter is under consideration.

(2.) Mining Operations in Trout Streams :—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has a dredging lease applied for by a man named Edmund Laffan, at Sandy Creek, near Argalong, been refused owing to objections by those interested in trout fishing?

(2.) Was expert evidence adduced to decide the question as to the value of settling dams to prevent the sludge from polluting the river?

(3.) Will he make full inquiry to find out whether mining operations cannot be conducted near the trout streams without the fishing by tourists being interfered with?

(4.) If not, will he state whether the mining industry is to be made subsidiary to the fishing of the streams by tourists?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—

(1.) Yes; but strong objections were also lodged by the Shire Council, Municipal Council, and local residents.

(2.) The Sludge Abatement Committee reported on the application.

(3 and 4.) Inquiry has been made. There were general interests involved by the possibilities of polluting the stream.

(3.) Control of Metropolitan Stock Saleyards :—*Mr. Price* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* to the effect that in consequence of the condition of the sheep pens at the saleyards, agents were unable to pen stock without injury to the fleece and sheep?

(2.) Will he, in the interests of stock-owners and others, consider the advisability of withdrawing the control of the stock saleyards from the City Council?

(3.) Is it a fact that stock-owners and those engaged in the stock industry suffer severe loss in consequence of the present control?

(4.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Honorable Member is referred to the answer given to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for Granville on this subject yesterday.

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

(1.) In connection with proposed deviations on the North Coast Railway, was a proposal submitted for the following :—(a) Wingham to Savill's; (b) Taree to Cundletown; (c) Taree to Cooperook?

(2.) If so, were inquiries instituted into such proposed deviations, and with what result in each case?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As regards the Wingham to Savill deviation, the report disclosed that the original line could be shortened by about five miles, but as it would leave out the important centres of Taree and Cundletown, which it was considered from a traffic point of view most undesirable to do, it was decided that the original line, as favoured by the Works Committee and Parliament, must be adopted. The inquiry made into the proposal to go from Taree to Cundletown, and then direct across country to join the original survey at the west of Cooperook, showed that this deviation would not be satisfactory.

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- (5.) Government Printing Office, Clerical Employees:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that about twelve months ago officers of the Clerical Division of the Government Printing Office made application for an increase in their salaries, and have received no acknowledgment?
  - (2.) Has the matter been pigeon-holed; if so, for what reason?
  - (3.) Will these that those officers are placed on an equal footing with officers of the Clerical Division in other Departments of the Service?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Applications for increases of salaries have been received from officers of the Clerical Division of the Government Printing Office during the past twelve months.
  - (2.) I am informed that such applications are now being considered by the Public Service Board.
  - (3.) No distinction is made between the officers of the Clerical Division of the Government Printing Office and those of any other Department.
- (6.) Railway, Canowindra to Manildra, or Gregra, *via* Cudal to connect with Western Line, near Wellington:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he again refer to the Public Works Committee the question of inquiring into the proposed line of railway from Canowindra to Manildra or Gregra, *via* Cudal, as part of a scheme to run through Cumnock District and connect with the Western Line, at or near Wellington?
- Mr. Lee answered,—This proposal will be submitted to Cabinet to be discussed with the Railway Policy of the Government.
- (7.) Conversion of Land Tenures:—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the Government proposal to give homestead selectors and settlement lessees the right to convert their holdings at existing values, does he propose to make the necessary legislative provision retrospective, in the interests of those settlers who have already availed themselves of the conversion clauses of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908?
- Mr. Moore answered,—I must request the Honorable Member to wait until he sees the Bill, which will be introduced in the course of a day or two.
- (8.) Resumptions to widen Macquarie-street:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that portion of the Sydney Domain is now being used to widen Macquarie-street; and, if so, how much?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that a still further width is to be taken from the Parliamentary, Mint, Hospital, and other buildings; and, if so, to what extent?
  - (3.) By what authority of legislation is this work being carried out, or is it being done with the approval of the various trustees interested?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) No. A narrow strip of the Botanic Garden frontage and that adjoining the Mitchell Library is, however, being added to the width of Macquarie-street.
  - (2.) The frontages of the Mint, Hospital, and Parliamentary Buildings will be encroached upon to the extent of 20 feet.
  - (3.) The work is being carried out with the concurrence of the authorities concerned.
- (9.) Control of Cremorne Ferry Wharf:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the ferry wharf at Cremorne is to be built fronting the reservation vested in the Council of North Sydney as trustees?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the Council of North Sydney has asked in the public interests, that this wharf should be under the control of the Municipality?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that the Sydney Ferries (Limited) object to such control; and, if so, will he consider the rights of the Council as trustees and custodians of the public interests as against those of a private company?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) The wharf will be built fronting land adjacent to the reservation vested in the North Sydney Council.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) The matter is under consideration.
- (10.) Electoral Lists:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many Lists have been printed for each State Electorate?
  - (2.) Has any difference been made between the number printed for City and Country Electorates?
  - (3.) How many Lists have been printed for Lane Cove?
  - (4.) Why cannot those who wish to buy such Lists be supplied?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1 and 2.) I will presently lay upon the Table a statement showing the number of Lists printed for each Electorate. The number varies in each case according to the requirements.
  - (3.) 152.
  - (4.) Copies of all the Lists will be on sale at the Government Printing Office after to-morrow.
2. PAPERS:—
- (1.) Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
    - (1.) Statement showing the number of Lists printed for each State Electorate.
    - (2.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for 1909; together with Appendices.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—*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. Wade laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales regarding issue of Proclamation provided for under section 5 of Seat of Government Acceptance Act, 1909.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—

(a) £1,000, from Vote "Department of Agriculture—Special Grants to Agricultural, Pastoral, and "Horticultural Societies," to Vote "Subsidies to Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral "Societies."

(b) £300, from Vote "Navigation," to Vote "Life-boats, &c."

(c) £2,740, from Vote "Special Grants in aid of Suburban and Country Fire Brigades," to the following Votes, viz. :—£500 to Vote "Sydney Hospital Subsidy"; £640 to Vote "Royal Prince "Alfred Hospital Subsidy"; £500 to Vote "Relief to Sufferers by Flood"; £500 to Vote "Land "and Income Tax"; £500 to Vote "Explosives"; £50 to Vote "Insurance, Shipping Charges, " &c., on English Shipments"; £50 to Vote "Gratuities and Provisional Allowances to Members, " &c., of Imperial and State Contingents to South Africa and Naval Contingent to China."

£6,000, from Vote "Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money," to Vote "Gratuities to Officers on Retirement."

£3,100, from Votes "Public Works and Services," to Vote "Legal Expenses to all Departments."

£7,000, from Vote "Towards promoting Immigration and Advertising the State," to the following Votes, viz. :—£5,000 to Vote "Industrial Court—Contingencies"; £2,000 to Vote "Hunter District "Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Contingencies."

£2,000, from Vote "Agriculture—Salaries—Contingencies," to Vote "Stock and Brands— "Contingencies."

£2,220, from Vote "Special Grants in aid of Suburban and Country Fire Brigades," to the "following Votes, viz. :—£1,500 to Vote "In aid of Educational Institutions for Maintenance "Purposes"; £50 to Vote "Garden Palace Grounds"; £300 to Vote "Treasurer and Secretary "for Finance and Trade—To meet unforeseen expenses to be hereafter accounted for"; £370 to Vote "Agent-General—Contingencies."

£1,000, from Vote "Department of Lands—Salaries," to Vote "Towards Maintenance, "Improvement, of Public Parks, Recreation Reserves, &c."

(d) £500, from Vote "Premier—Towards promoting Immigration and Advertising the State," to Vote "Prisons—Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) Casino School of Arts Enabling Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Casino School of Arts Enabling Act.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 6th July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hindmarsh, read a first time.

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

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## (3.) Nurses Registration Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the registration of nurses qualified to practise in New South Wales ; to amend the Private Hospitals Act, 1908 ; and for other purposes,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

## (4.) Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend to girls of and above the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, and under the ages of sixteen and seventeen years respectively, the protection given to girls under the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, by certain provisions of the criminal law relating to offences against the person ; to bring step fathers within certain of those provisions ; to enable certain of those offences to be dealt with in a summary way ; to exclude girls under the age of eighteen from brothels ; and to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chambers,  
Sydney, 6th July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

And the 296th Standing Order of the House permitting of the restoration of the Bill to the stage it had reached at the close of a previous Session,—

Ordered, That the Legislative Council's Message of 30th September, 1909, in reference to the amendments in this Bill, be further considered in Committee on Tuesday, 19th July.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waverley, Colonel Onslow, 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 error committed in the laying out and selection of the Tramway Route to Bronte Park."

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

Colonel Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Treflé,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Carnichael,  
Mr. Beeby,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. McNeill,  
Mr. McGarry,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Page,  
Mr. Cusack,

Mr. Mercer,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Horne.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Ashford,  
Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Wade,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Robson,  
Mr. Hindmarsh,  
Mr. Fell,  
Mr. Downes,  
Mr. Taylor,

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. John Miller,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Sir James Graham,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Moxham,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. W. Millard.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 JULY, 1910.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Shunting Accidents:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state what is the total number of lives that have been lost during the present year in shunting operations, also the number of persons who have been injured?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that during the year ending 30th June, 1910, two employees were killed and forty-five injured whilst coupling or uncoupling vehicles, and one killed and eighty-four injured whilst otherwise engaged in shunting.

(2.) Strathbogie and Rocky Creek Improvement Leases:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to the promise made by him in the House on 24th November, 1909, to the effect that he would confer with the Honorable the Secretary for Mines as to whether something further could be done in regard to making the forfeited improvement leases on Strathbogie and Rocky Creek available for settlement, has he held that conference with the Secretary for Mines; if so, what has been the outcome of the conference?

Mr. Moore answered,—The matter has been further looked into, but the Mines Department has advised that the area in question should be retained in the interests of mining, for the present.

(3.) Railway Charges for Conveyance of Immigrant Settlers' Effects:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways makes half-rate charges to immigrant settlers and purchasers under the provisions of Closer Settlement for the conveyance of furniture and other necessities?

(2.) Is it a fact that this concession is refused to other citizens of the metropolis and country taking up small areas of land in the country bought on their own savings; and, if so, why?

(3.) Will the Chief Commissioner for Railways consider the expediency of encouraging *bond fide* small settlers on the land, metropolitan and otherwise, by similar concessions as to immigrants and purchasers from the Government under Closer Settlement?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

(1 and 2.) All persons taking up land under the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, are allowed half rates, except those coming from the adjacent States of the Commonwealth.

(3.) No; the existing conditions are considered reasonable. The concession only applies to persons taking up land under the Closer Settlement Act, 1904.

(4.) Technical College, North Sydney:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What provisions, if any, are being made for the construction of new Technical College buildings at Falcon-street, North Sydney?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Sketch plans for Technical College buildings have been prepared, and are under consideration.

(5.) Manufacture of Butter-boxes:—Mr. Price asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Has he taken any action, as promised by him in Parliament in reply to Questions submitted by the Honorable Member for Gloucester last Session of Parliament,—(a) with a view to dealing with the butter-box combine; (b) the testing of Australian softwoods for the purpose of butter-box making; if so, what is the nature of such reports?

(2.) Will he lay the whole of the papers upon the Table of this House?

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- (3.) Is it intended to carry out any further tests; if so, when will the work be completed?  
 (4.) Is it a fact that the Butter-box Trust has increased the price to 1s. 11d. and 2s.; will he consider whether this increase will prejudice the butter industry of the North Coast; if so, will he take steps to prevent the trade being prejudiced?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) (a) No such promise was made, as I had no power to interfere; (b) tests are being made, but so far with no very satisfactory results. The experiments are being continued.  
 (2.) Yes, when the tests are completed.  
 (3.) Yes. Unable to say at present when they will be complete.  
 (4.) I believe it is a fact that there has been an increase in the price of butter-boxes, but I have no power to regulate the prices either of butter or butter-boxes.

- (6.) Railway Rates on Farming Machinery:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the reply to Question No. 17 by the Honorable Member for The Gwydir on Tuesday last, that the charge per ton for traction engines from Darling Harbour to Inverell is £2 17s. 10d., was Mr. J. Staggs, of Inverell, charged £31 15s. 9d. for one traction engine and two ploughs, weighing 6 tons 4 cwt. 1 qr., from Darling Harbour to Inverell on 10th February, 1910; and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the traction engine consigned to Mr. Staggs weighed 6 tons 4 cwt. 1 qr., and being loaded in a bogie-truck was charged first-class rates, viz.,—£5 2s. 4d. per ton; but as it could have been carried in a four-wheeled truck, the rate was reduced to "B" class, viz.,—£2 17s. 10d. per ton; the difference in freight being £13 16s. 5d. The ploughs and fittings, weighing 1 ton 6 cwt. were invoiced later; the freight, being booked "to pay," was £6 13s. This amount was deducted from the £13 16s. 5d. paid in excess for the engine, and the balance, £7 3s. 5d., refunded to Mr. Staggs.

- (7.) Grant for Approach to Drummoyne School:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Dooley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did the Government grant to Mr. Henley, M.L.A., Mayor of Drummoyne, the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of making an approach to the Drummoyne School?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that an Alderman of Drummoyne Council approached his Department to protest against the manner in which the money was to be expended?  
 (3.) Was he informed that the money was to be spent as Mr. Henley personally directed?  
 (4.) Is it a fact that the money was expended some distance from the school in making an avenue?  
 (5.) Was there any land purchased from Mr. Henley; and, if so, how much, and at what price?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A grant of £1,000 was voted by Parliament on last year's Estimates, and was issued to the Drummoyne Council as a contribution towards the cost of providing "Roads of Access to Drummoyne Public School."  
 (2 and 3.) The papers do not disclose a record of such an interview.  
 (4.) No, the expenditure by the Council covered the whole length between Bridge-street and the public school.  
 (5.) Yes, on the application of the Drummoyne Council, under section 129 of the Local Government Act, two lots 66 feet x 223 feet. The price paid for Mr. Henley's land is not known to the Department. The only information available is that the total amount paid to the Council was £1,570 for nine allotments, bought from eight persons.

- (8.) Use of Government Motor Cars by Officers:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Gus. Miller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to Question No. 12, asked by the Honorable Member for Monaro, on the 30th June, respecting the use of Government motor cars by the police,—

- (1.) Are any regulations issued for the use of the Government motor cars?  
 (2.) If so, what are they?  
 (3.) Is there any reason why other public servants should not have the use of these cars for their private convenience?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No.  
 (3.) Neither police nor public servants have the use of the cars as suggested, but, as before stated, the Inspector-General of Police is allowed to use one of these cars, with Ministerial sanction, to convey him from his home to his office on account of a physical disability he suffers from through an accident.

- (9.) Cook's River:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Marrickville Municipal Council communicated with his Department regarding the condition of Cook's River, above Unwin's Bridge?  
 (2.) At what date will the dredge be returned to the locality to continue the improvements lately discontinued for necessary repairs to the dredge?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes. The work will be carried out at the earliest opportunity.

- (10.) Campsie Public School:—Mr. Parkes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When will tenders be called for the additional buildings at Campsie Public School?  
 (2.) Will he treat the matter as urgent?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) It is anticipated that tenders will be invited in the *Government Gazette* of 17th August.  
 (2.) The work will be expeditiously proceeded with.

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(11.) Fisheries Management:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he read, or has his attention been called to, a sub-leader appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 28th June last, on "Fisheries Management," containing statements concerning the Board of Fisheries of New South Wales?
- (2.) Are the statements contained in such sub-leader true?
- (3.) If not, will he take steps to have the same publicly refuted?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A reference to the Fisheries Board might satisfy the Honorable Member as to the truth of the statements.
- (3.) My time is too limited to publicly answer the variety of comments made on this subject.

(12.) Railway Fettle's Holidays:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that gangers receive 9s. per day and six good-conduct holidays, while the fettle's working with them receive 7s. 6d. per day, but no good-conduct holidays; if so, will he see that the fettle's are allowed three good-conduct holidays?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Gangers are allowed six good-conduct holidays; but the question of extending them to fettle's is a detail of management subject to the decision of the Chief Commissioner.

(13.) Stray Dogs:—Mr. Page asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many dogs have been seized by the police in the Metropolitan District since the 1st January, 1910?
- (2.) How many such dogs have been destroyed, and how many claimed?
- (3.) What opportunity is afforded owners to claim their dogs?
- (4.) How long are such dogs kept before they are destroyed?
- (5.) Where are they kept?
- (6.) By what method are they destroyed?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) 1,419.
- (2.) 1,419 have been destroyed.
- (3.) Valuable dogs are neither seized nor destroyed.
- (4.) If valuable dogs come into the possession of the Police, they are kept until claimed.
- (5.) At police stations.
- (6.) Shooting.

(14.) Hours of Duty of Police:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to Question No. 13, asked by the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, on the 30th June,—

- (1.) Does the Government approve of the Inspector and Sub-Inspectors of Police attending duty "fully twelve hours daily," as stated?
- (2.) Are any other Government employees worked such hours regularly?
- (3.) Is it practicable to administer the Department so as to arrange reasonable hours of duty for such officers?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Although officers are employed for these hours, their duties are not laborious, nor is the work continuous.
- (2.) I am not in a position to speak of other Departments.
- (3.) The hours of duty performed by officers, for the reasons stated in reply to Question No. 1, are not unreasonable. The responsibility of divisional officers cannot be divided.

(15.) Police Waggonette:—Mr. Cusack asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is a waggonette kept at the Police Barracks?
- (2.) For what official purpose is it maintained and used?
- (3.) Is it used to convey a police officer and his friends to races, luncheons, and other social functions?
- (4.) Was it ever used for similar purposes by this officer's predecessor?
- (5.) Will he cause inquiry to be made whether, in the interest of economy, it could be sold without detriment to police work?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes, for many years.
- (2.) It was used for the purpose of testing applicants for licenses to drive public vehicles.
- (3.) It is used by the Inspector-General to attend public gatherings, and for police purposes when required.
- (4.) I cannot say.
- (5.) The vehicle is still required.

(16.) Wages of Labourers, Eveleigh Railway Workshops:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the labourers employed at the Eveleigh workshops, does the Chief Commissioner for Railways intend to pay these men 8s. per day in accordance with the terms of the Award; if so, when?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that labourers in the Eveleigh workshops are paid in accordance with the Award of the Government Railways and Tramways (Locomotive Labourers) Board.

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- (17.) Railway Derailments and Accidents :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What number of derailments and accidents to trains or engines have occurred on the railways of New South Wales between 1st July, 1907, and 4th July, 1910?
  - (2.) What were the number to each passenger, goods, mixed, or stock trains, or light engines?
  - (3.) On what dates, and at what places, did these accidents occur, indicating, in cases of derailment, the mileage where each occurred; were they on curves (showing their radius), on straight lines, or at points and crossings?
  - (4.) In the cases of derailment, for what length of time in each case were the lines blocked, and how long was it before the lines were clear for traffic?
  - (5.) What was the cost of each accident or derailment, showing each separately?
  - (6.) What inquiries were made into these accidents, showing, in each case separately, the finding, and the constitution of the Boards making the inquiry?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) *Railway, Glenreagh to Dorrigo* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo.
  - (2.) *Tramway, Bomaderry to Jervis Bay* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, relating to the proposed tramway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 6th October, 1909, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Homing Pigeons Protection Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment, page 2, clause 3, line 1,—because the insertion of the words proposed to be omitted will limit the liability of offenders to those injuring homing pigeons with intent or negligence, and excludes from the list of offences such destruction as may be due to those accidental causes lying outside wilful intent and negligence.

Agrees to the amendment, page 2, clause 7, line 21, which omits the word "who" and inserts the words "if any person,"—but proposes to amend it by inserting after the word "person" the words "without reasonable excuse."

Agrees to the omission of clause 9 and to the insertion of a new clause,—but proposes to amend the clause by omitting the words "or four."

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from, and amendments upon, the Council's amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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4. PAPERS :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Recreation Ground at Vacluse.
  - (2.) Amended Form No. 51, under the Crown Lands Acts.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. LEASE CONVERSION AND LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved (*by consent*), without Notice, That the Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous 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.

- (2.) Mr. Clark then moved,—

- (1.) That the Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McGowen, Mr. James, Mr. Holman, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Levy, Mr. Estell, and the Mover.

- (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1909, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

6. LOAN (RAILWAYS) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

*Message No. 18.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, Mr. Carmichael, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz, "The action of the Minister for Works in letting contracts for sewerage tunnels with conditions allowing eight hours per day for rockchopping."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Carmichael moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
9. LOAN (RAILWAYS) 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 authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Moore, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Amending Land Bill:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose to bring in the Amending Land Bill foreshadowed in the Governor's Speech which will give homestead selectors and settlement lessees the right to convert at existing values?

Mr. Moore answered,—The Bill will be introduced almost immediately.

(2.) Timber Reserve, West Wyalong District:—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a timber reserve on the Wamboyne-road, about 3½ miles from West Wyalong, has dead wood lying on it only fit for firewood?

(2.) Is it a fact that the forest ranger will not allow the wood-carters on the reserve to remove it?

(3.) Will he give instructions that the reserve be opened to carters for obtaining this wood for domestic use?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The forest officer reports that permission to remove dead wood lying on this reserve has not been refused, and that three local fuel contractors have been removing fuel, at intervals, from the reserve for the past two years.

(3.) Cross-country Railway Lines:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to submit all the proposed cross-country railway lines to the Royal Commission now taking evidence?

(2.) If so, will it be necessary for him to submit them afterwards to the Public Works Committee for investigation?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The Commission will decide what lines they will examine and report upon.

(2.) Construction will be considered in connection with the Report.

(4.) Wyangla Water Conservation Scheme, Lachlan River:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he give effect to his promise to carry out the Wyangla Water Conservation Scheme at the head of the Lachlan River?

Mr. Lee answered,—No definite date can be fixed at present.

(5.) Land held by Mr. Hawke, Inverell and Warialda:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In connection with the ballot for two settlement lease blocks, in parish Wonga, Warialda Land District, did F. R. Hawke draw one of those blocks?

(2.) Does Mr. Hawke, at present, hold 600 acres of land on Auburn Vale, near Inverell, besides having a large business at Inverell and Warialda?

(3.) Were there persons applying for these blocks who had no land, or less land than Mr. Hawke?

(4.) Has Mr. Hawke's application been confirmed?

(5.) If so, has Mr. Hawke yet taken up his residence on the settlement lease he won at the ballot?

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Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Hawke, who is a wool and hide buyer at Inverell and Warialda, deposed before the Local Land Board that he bought at auction, about two and a half years ago, an area of 533 acres in the private subdivision of Auburn Vale, near Inverell, on ten years' terms.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No; but the case is set down for consideration by the Local Land Board arranged to sit at Boggabilla on the 4th August, 1910.
- (5.) A settlement lessee need not enter into residence until within three months after execution of the lease.

(6.) Early Closing, Factory, and Industrial Disputes Inspectors:—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are the Early Closing and Factory Inspectors carrying out their duties as Inspectors under the Industrial Disputes Act?
- (2.) How many reports does each individual Inspector furnish to the Registrar?
- (3.) Can he furnish the names of the Inspectors performing this duty who have furnished these reports?
- (4.) Has each Inspector, individually or otherwise, been instructed to faithfully carry out the duties appertaining to their appointment?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) This information should be moved for in the form of a return.
- (4.) Yes.

(7.) Public Service Regrading:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is the quinquennial regrading of the Public Service due on 1st January, 1911?
- (2.) Is it intended to delay the regrading until long after that date?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.

(8.) Water and Sewerage Assessment:—*Mr. McGarry*, for Mr. Carmichael, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his notice been directed to the system of assessment for water and sewerage, as instanced by the case of J. W. Riding, of Leichhardt?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, owing to improvements in his premises, without any increase in the number of persons (two) in the house, he is now charged for 40,000 gallons of water, though the meter only registers 16,000, making the water rate 38s., as against 20s. formerly?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the sewerage charge is now 60s., as against 30s. formerly?
- (4.) If so, will he consider the necessity of making some more equitable basis of assessment?

*Mr. Lec* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, by Mr. Riding.
- (2.) Yes; but it is not known how many persons reside on the premises.
- (3.) He informed me of an increase.
- (4.) Water and sewerage rates are based upon the assessed annual value of premises served, against which every ratepayer has the right of appeal, which right, I understand, Mr. Riding did not avail himself of. Mr. Riding was fully informed by letter on the 8th instant.

(9.) Woomargama Estate:—*Mr. McLaurin* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the lands surrendered under the Woomargama exchange are urgently needed for settlement?
- (2.) Will he take steps to expedite action in order that they be made available at an early date?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Steps are being taken to that effect; the land has been designed, and survey will be made shortly.

(10.) Mrs. Catherine Scott's Mining Lease:—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the date and nature of the record of abandonment of private mining agreement dated 11th May, 1897, between Samuel Seberry and F. T. Winters, covering 15 acres, part of portion 7, parish Baratta, county Cunningham?
- (2.) Is the land, the subject of that agreement, open to the operation of the Mining on Private Lands Act?
- (3.) What is the value of the gold won by Mrs. Catherine Scott, under that agreement, since May, 1893?
- (4.) Has Mrs. Catherine Scott any title or authority to mine on five acres of land adjoining the south boundary of that agreement?
- (5.) If so, what is the nature and date of such title or authority?
- (6.) Was an authority to enter or a permit issued to Mrs. Catherine Scott prior to her application for lease dated 26th October, 1909?
- (7.) If so, what is the date and nature of such authority to enter or permit?
- (8.) What is the reason for the delay in dealing with the applications for authority to enter on portion 7, parish Baratta, county Cunningham, made by H. B. Hutchinson, and dated 2nd November, 1909, and L. M. Black, and dated 30th October, 1909.

Mr.



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Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Dated 16th May, 1910. Notice of abandonment by Catherine Scott recorded by the local Mining Registrar, Condobolin, Mrs. Scott having acquired the title originally held by Winters.

(2.) Yes; see also 4.

(3.) Not known in the Department. There is no legal obligation on the part of holders of this class of title to furnish returns of quantities of gold won.

(4.) Mrs. Scott, as owner of portion 7, parish of Baratta, marked out and subsequently applied for a lease of 15 acres, described as "the land as fenced and known as the Alma Gold Mine," since surveyed as portion P.G.L. 4.

(5.) Application for lease dated 26th October, 1909.

(6 and 7.) No. Not necessary. She is owner of the land.

(8.) The Warden reports that the inquiries under section 51, Mining Act, 1906, in respect of these applications were fixed for 10th November, 1909, postponed to 8th December, 1909, and again postponed to 12th January, 1910, to enable applicants to rectify error in name of owner of the subject land, to serve the notices required by the Act, and to mark out the ground required. Applicants having failed to comply with the requirements, or to attend in support, the applications were refused. The delay was, therefore, caused by the applicants themselves.

(11.) Bankruptcy of M. L. A. Hutchinson—Alma Gold Mine:—Mr. Kelly asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) What amount of money accruing since May, 1903, has been recovered in respect of the one-sixteenth share of gold won in terms of private mining agreement dated 11th May, 1897 (Alma Gold Mine), in the bankrupt estate of M. L. A. Hutchinson, by Mr. William Harrington Palmer, Official Assignee, from Mrs. Catherine Scott?

(2.) What has Mr. W. H. Palmer, Official Assignee, done with the bankrupt's share in that agreement (Alma Gold Mine)?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am informed as follows:—

(1.) None.

(2.) If this refers to the interest taken by the bankrupt under the agreement mentioned, the answer is that it is still held by the Official Assignee.

(12.) Free Railway Passes:—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the Railway Commissioners empowered to issue free railway passes to any of the mercantile firms doing business with country clients over the State Railways?

(2.) If so, how many are issued, who are the recipients, and what are the names of the firms in receipt of same, giving the number each firm receives, and if such pass covers right of sleeping-cars?

(3.) Should the reply be in the affirmative, on what grounds are the privileges conceded?

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

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the issue of free railway passes to firms doing business with the Railway Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table.—

(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. T. G. Wilson as Surveyor in the Department of Public Works.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of water to the City of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for The Spit to Manly Electric Tramway.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Narramine to Peak Hill Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL (*Normal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Moore, read a third time, and passed.Mr. Moore then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intitled "*An Act to promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th July, 1910.

## 4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day were postponed until Tuesday, 19th July:—

(1.) Casino School of Arts Enabling Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Mr. Hindmarsh.](2.) Nurses Registration Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Mr. Levy.]

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

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

*Message No. 19.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1910-11, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

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Sydney, 12th July, 1910.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The necessity for representations being made by the State to the Federal Government on the question of the proposed increase in charges for the use of telephones.”

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.

Question put and negatived.

7. BRIDGE OVER THE MACINTYRE RIVER, AT BUKKULLA:—Mr. G. A. JONES moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the special grant of £450 to the Ashford Shire Council, towards the construction of a bridge over the Macintyre River, at Bukkulla.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. LAW RELATING TO DESERTED WIVES AND CHILDREN:—Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is urgently necessary that the law relating to deserted wives and children should be amended.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. COAL AND SHALE MINES HOURS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Coal and Shale Mines Hours Regulation 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, 16th August.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Survey, Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba, *via* Humula, Railway :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the trial survey of the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba, *via* Humula, Railway has been completed ?

(2.) Is it his intention to refer this line to the Cabinet for the consideration of the Public Works Committee ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The proposal for railway extension to Tumberumba is noted for the consideration of Cabinet when dealing with the railway policy.

(2.) Contracts for Butter-boxes :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the New South Wales Box Company has sent out a circular to all butter factories in the State asking for a three years' contract for the supply of butter-boxes at 1s. 5d. and 1s. 6d. ?

(2.) Is it a fact that this Company is using a threat in such circular that if such contracts are not entered into the prices will be 1s. 11d. and 2s. ?

(3.) Will he inquire into this matter at once, with a view of protecting the butter factories and dairymen from imposition and threats of this description ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes, such a circular has been issued.

(2.) I cannot say that the Company is using a threat, but they state that if contracts are made the factories will participate in the benefits of a contract for a similar term made by them for a supply of timber, and advise factories to co-operate and obtain supplies direct ; if not, in all probability they will have to pay 1s. 11d. and 2s.

(3.) The Company in the circular referred to states that the reason for increasing the price of boxes is owing to the rise in the white pine market. I have no power to interfere in the matter, but I am having trials made with local timbers to see if a substitute for white pine can be found.

(3.) Running Times and Earning Capacities of Goods Trains :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the running times allowed as per working time-table for through goods trains from—  
(a) Werris Creek to Strathfield ; (b) Orange to Penrith ; and (c) Goulburn to Clyde ?

(2.) What is the earning capacity of a through goods train of 500 tons in the sections named ?

(3.) What is the actual time taken for all through goods trains in the abovenamed sections from 1st December, 1909, to the 31st May, 1910 ?

(4.) Is it a fact that engines and rolling-stock in the sections named are standing idle more than half the time ?

(5.) What is the total loss, if any, of revenue in consequence of trains exceeding the running time laid down in the working time-table over the sections named ?

(6.) Is it a fact that all drivers and guards report on their daily-report sheets all standing, shunting, and running time ?

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

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- (4.) Sheriff's Officers :—Mr. Beeby asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) What is the wage of casual Sheriff's officers employed in Courts of Justice?
  - (2.) Have such officers to attend at the Sheriff's office every morning to know if their services are required for that day?
  - (3.) If not employed that day is it a fact that they receive no payment for their attendance?
  - (4.) Will arrangements be made whereby these casual bailiffs may know the night before if their services will be required the next day?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Seven shillings per diem.
  - (2 and 3.) Yes.
  - (4.) As far as practicable this will be done.
- (5.) Little Bay Lepers :—Mr. Minahan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the lepers at Little Bay are driven through Randwick and Coogee on Saturday afternoons in a vehicle which is afterwards used to drive the hospital staff and members of the general public?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the vehicle is driven by one of the staff, who resides with his family?
  - (3.) Will he take immediate steps to put an end to this state of affairs?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) The vehicle is driven by any member of the Ambulance staff at liberty when it is wanted.
  - (3.) No. The Board of Health, which is charged with the administration of the Leprosy Act, being satisfied that no danger whatever to any person is involved, has humanely authorised the arrangement in the interests, and for the advantage, of this unfortunate class of patients.
- (6.) N.T.S. "Dart" :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that his Department has removed all the boys from the N.T.S. "Dart"?
  - (2.) If so, why?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—No boys have been removed by the Department. The "Dart" is laid up for the winter months, in accordance with the custom adopted every year, and only a working party of boys is retained on board during each day.
- (7.) Government Printing Office Vacancies :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the vacancies in the Government Printing Office, created by the promotion of Mr. Feather to the position of Superintendent and Mr. Roberts to that of Chief Overseer, be filled?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—A recommendation as to the filling of the vacancies will shortly be submitted for the consideration of the Public Service Board.
- (8.) Sydney Harbour Trust Labourers :—Mr. Minahan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the labourers employed by the Harbour Trust were forced to cease work on the Prince of Wales' Birthday?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the men were not paid for the day?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) No work was done by the Sydney Harbour Trust on the Prince of Wales' Birthday.
  - (2.) Yes.
- (9.) Use of Police Horses :—Mr. Minahan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to Question 14, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the 30th June, 1910, and his reply thereto,—is it a fact that a police horse was lent to a certain high Federal official, and that it was ridden at the Sydney Show in 1909, and has not yet been returned?
- Mr. Wood answered,—No, it is not; and no police horse was exhibited or ridden at the Sydney or any other Show in 1909.
- (10.) Inspectors under Industrial Disputes Act :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Cochran, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) What are the names of Inspectors under the Industrial Disputes Act?
  - (2.) What instructions have been issued to them in regard to their duty, and by whom?
  - (3.) The number of reports sent in to the Registrar by each Inspector, and the nature of same?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1 and 3.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to replies given by me to Questions asked on this subject by the Honorable Member for Cootamundra yesterday.
  - (2.) The Inspectors have been instructed to carry out the duties prescribed by the Act and Regulations by and on behalf of the Industrial Registrar.
- (11.) Police Protection to Non-Unionists, Scarborough Colliery :—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Nicholson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—For what period does he intend to pay wages to a special constable to escort two non-unionists to and from their work at the Scarborough Colliery?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The duty of protecting the public, whether unionists or non-unionists, is in the hands of the Inspector-General of Police. Protection will be given these men as long as it is found necessary in the interests of law and order, when it will be withdrawn.
- (12.) Salary of Registrar under Industrial Disputes Act :—Mr. Dooley asked the Attorney-General,—Is it a fact that it is the intention of the Government to give a permanent increase in salary to the Industrial Registrar owing to his being temporarily engaged on Wages Boards, instead of paying him overtime according to the regulation rates?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Increase of the remuneration of the Registrar is dependent upon a recommendation of the Public Service Board.

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(13.) Transfer of State Properties to the Commonwealth:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) What is the total value of properties originally owned by this State, transferred to the Commonwealth?

(2.) Have any steps been taken yet by the Commonwealth to provide for payment to the State of the value of these properties?

(3.) Is interest on the aggregate value of the above properties being paid by the Commonwealth; and, if so, to what sum does it annually amount?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) £3,674,648. This total, it may be added, has been mutually agreed to by the official representatives who conducted the valuation of these properties on behalf of the Commonwealth and the State respectively.

(2 and 3.) No.

(14.) Public Library of New South Wales:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the New South Wales Public Library is at present so congested with books that every available nook and corner is occupied?

(2.) Is it a fact that one of the conditions attached to the bequest of the late D. S. Mitchell was that the Mitchell wing should not be used for other purpose than the storage and display of the gift and of subsequent additions to same, and is it a fact that the erection of this wing has not in any way minimised the lack of accommodation at the old Library building?

(3.) Will he at once take steps in the direction of completing the new Library?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) It is admitted that the Library is at present congested, but this cause of complaint, it is hoped, will shortly be removed.

(2.) The Mitchell Library must be solely devoted to the works in that collection, and it therefore has not relieved the situation.

(3.) Plans for this work have been prepared, and the work will be proceeded with as soon as money is available.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of part of the Tuppal Estate.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of the Tibbereenah Estate.

Ordered to be printed.

(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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, Minimum Wage Act, Early Closing Acts, Shearers' Accommodation Act, &c., during 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted on the 29th June, 1910, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Phillip, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The unsatisfactory evasive answers of the Government in respect to clear specific questions asked on 28th June, ultimo, in connection with the Jury Panel of the Bowling trial."

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*:—Colonel Onslow drew attention to Notice of Motion No. 22 on the Business Paper for to-day in the name of the Honorable Member for Phillip, on which practically the same discussion could be had.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection taken was fatal, and the motion for adjournment, therefore, out of order.

## 5. LOAN (RAILWAYS) 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 raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon 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 authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—
- (a) £1,000, from Vote "Maintenance and Transmission of Deserted Persons, Charitable Relief, &c.," to Vote "Subsidy—Hospitals and Benevolent Institutions, Aid on condition that an equal amount be raised by Private Annual Contributions."
- (b) £200, from Vote "Botanic Gardens—Contingencies," to the following Votes, viz.:—£100 to Vote "Government Domain (Outer)—Contingencies"; £100 to Vote "Centennial Park—Contingencies."
- (c) £200, from Vote "Commission on Payments in Sydney by the Government Banking "Institutions," to Vote "Refund of Fees paid for Licenses issued on Certificates granted by "Magistrates."
- (d) £5,000 from Vote "Navigation—Contingencies," £4,000 from Vote "Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money," £2,100 from Vote "Mines—Salaries," and £5,000 from Vote "Department of Lands—Salaries," to the following Votes, viz.:—£16,000 to Vote "Sewerage and Water Rates, &c., City Municipal and Shire Rates, &c., on Government "Properties, &c.," and £100 to Vote "Master in Lunacy—Contingencies."
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Homing Pigeons Protection Bill :—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 7th July, 1910, in reference to the Homing Pigeons Protection Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments, and does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th July, 1910.
- F. B. SUTTON,  
President.
- (2.) Wesley College Incorporation Bill :—
- MR. SPEAKER,—
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate Wesley College as a college within the University of Sydney; to empower the said University to grant certain lands to trustees for the purposes of such college; and to repeal the Act twenty-third Victoria, intituled 'An Act to incorporate Wesley College as a college within the University of Sydney,'*"—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, 13th July, 1910.
- F. B. SUTTON,  
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd August.
8. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill *pro forma*.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sewage Pollution of Wolli Creek and Cook's River :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the sewage carrier at Wolli Creek and Cook's River is provided with outlets through which sewage matter is allowed to escape into the streams mentioned?
- (2.) If so, is the effect such as to cause a nuisance and a menace to health of the residents in the immediate vicinity?
- (3.) Will he take the necessary steps to have the matter remedied?

Mr. Lee answered,—The following information is supplied by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :—

- (1.) Stormwater overflows have been provided for at Cook's River Crossing. No stormwater passes into Cook's River except during heavy rainfall, and the ordinary sewage is diluted as 20 to 1.
- (2.) There is no danger to the health of the residents.
- (3.) Under the circumstances, remedial measures are not necessary.

- (2.) Botanic Garden and Domain Labourers :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many labourers are employed in connection with the Botanic Garden and Domain?
- (2.) Are these labourers classified in regard to pay, and what are the grades and minimum wage paid?
- (3.) How many labourers are being paid the minimum wage?
- (4.) Will steps be taken, having regard to increased cost of living and present wage conditions in other outside divisions of labour, to increase the pay of labourers employed in this Department?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) Eighteen. (This answer applies to labourers only, not gardeners.)
- (2.) Yes. Seven shillings and eight shillings per day. Seven shillings per day is the minimum wage.
- (3.) Sixteen.
- (4.) The matter is being considered by the Public Service Board.

- (3.) Sidings on Grafton-Casino Railway :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the residents of Sportsman's Creek and Warregai Creek, on the Grafton-Casino railway line, have for several years been endeavouring to have sidings established?
- (2.) Is it a fact that timber is being hauled to Grafton by team from these localities?
- (3.) Is it a fact that nearly the whole of the land that is served by this line is taken up by conditional purchase?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the settlers are suffering losses and inconvenience through there being no trucking facilities?
- (5.) Will he bring the matter under the notice of the Railway Commissioners with a view to the establishment of necessary sidings?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2, 3, and 4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) The Chief Commissioner will visit the district during his annual tour of inspection and consider the matter on the ground.

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- (4.) Chatsworth Island Drainage Scheme:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) What is the cause of the delay in dealing with the proposed Chatsworth Island drainage scheme?  
 (2.) Will he see that the work is expedited?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Owing to the great number of drainage proposals now in hand, which were under consideration prior to the Chatsworth Island scheme, it has been impracticable to deal with this matter earlier. Survey has, however, been completed, and plans and estimate of cost are now in course of preparation with the view to notifying a trust proposal.  
 (2.) Yes.

- (5.) Federal Capital Site—Lands at Jervis Bay:—Mr. Morton asked the Premier,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Minister for Home Affairs in the last Federal Government took formal possession of the Yass-Canberra Federal Site?  
 (2.) Will he communicate with the present Minister for Home Affairs with a view of taking similar action at Jervis Bay in connection with the lands at that port granted to the Federal authorities by this State?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) No; but the Minister and a staff visited the territory and spent some time there, being engaged, I understand, in the location of a site for the Federal city and other preliminary work.  
 (2.) The Federal authorities are, and have been for some time past, practically in possession of the Jervis Bay lands granted to them under authority of the Seat of Government Surrender Act, 1909.

- (6.) Loading and Trimming Coal on board the "Mary Isobel":—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Cochran, asked the Premier,—  
 (1.) What are the rates of wages, hours, and conditions of Government employees employed loading and trimming coal on board the "Mary Isobel" at Parbury's Wharf?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that the coal trade of the Port is done by members of the Coal Lumpers' Union, and will he in future employ members of such Union?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am informed that there were no Government employees engaged on this work, which was carried out by a private individual on terms agreed upon.

- (7.) Royal Agricultural Society as a Court of Appeal:—Mr. Morton asked the Minister for Agriculture,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that a considerable number of Agricultural Societies are averse to recognising the Royal Agricultural Society as a court of appeal in connection with disqualifications?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Department of Agriculture to withdraw or limit their subsidies if they do not so agree?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) No.

- (8.) New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund:—Mr. Morton asked the Premier,—  
 (1.) Is the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund in any way under Government control?  
 (2.) Do the contributions to that fund receive any Government subsidy?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) No; but it is proposed to amalgamate the Public Disaster Relief Fund and the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund, and vest the Government with a measure of control.  
 (2.) No.

- (9.) Proclamation of Federal Capital Area:—Mr. Cusack asked the Premier,—  
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statement of the Minister for Home Affairs respecting the Federal Capital "that it was their intention to go right on"?  
 (2.) Will he request the Federal Government to withhold the proclamation until after the State General Election, in order that the electors within the Federal territory may exercise the franchise thereat?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes, some of which indicate activity, others delay, in fulfilling the compact entered into by the Commonwealth last Session. The fact remains that the present Government, although urged by the State to issue the necessary proclamation, have failed to take action.  
 (2.) No. I shall not relax my efforts to induce the Commonwealth Government to honour the compact without further delay.

- (10.) Purchase of "Royal Hotel," Sydney, for Government Savings Bank:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) What was the price paid by the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for the "Royal Hotel" property in George-street, Sydney?  
 (2.) Will he consider whether the building of the people's Savings Bank in a convenient and business centre will be likely to affect the increasing volume of business now being done by the Head Office and its branches?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that, since the purchase, offers of £10,000 and upwards more than was paid for the property, have been made to the Commissioners?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £60,000.

(2.) As the Honorable Member is aware, the selection of a site for central banking premises is entirely within the discretion of the Commissioners. They inform me that when the new premises are erected in George-street, they anticipate that the volume of business will certainly be increased, but that the new building will be adequate to meet all requirements.

(3.) The Commissioners inform me that this is a fact.

2. CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS OF PRIZE FIGHT, JEFFRIES v. JOHNSON :—The following Petitions, representing that cinematograph films of the recent prize fight in America are to be introduced into and shown at various places of amusement in New South Wales; that such exhibition will tend to the demoralisation of the spectators, and especially of the young; and praying the House to take such steps as may seem best to prevent the introduction and exhibition of such films,—were presented by Mr. Parkes :—

(1.) From certain members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, Moss Vale.

(2.) From certain members and adherents of the Methodist Church, Bowral.

Petitions received.

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

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the pre-ervation 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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Balmain, 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 failure of the Railway Commissioners to pay certain wages to Engineers as promised and agreed upon."

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.

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

- (1.) Bank of New South Wales Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886*,"—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, 14th July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir James Graham, read a first time.

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

- (2.) City Bank of Sydney Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the City Bank Act*,"—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, 14th July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Robson, read a first time.

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

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—Donald Macdonell, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

7. LOAN (RAILWAYS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
9. **CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, 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 Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
 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 the 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 Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
 On motion of Mr. Moore, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to  
 (2.) Mr. Moore then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) 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 *pro forma*.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.  
 On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted on Wednesday next.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twelve o'clock (Midnight), until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 JULY, 1910.

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

HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the protection of certain birds known as homing pigeons during their flights as bearers of messages from geographical point to point, or while under training, and at other times,*"—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.) Appointment of Attendants, Rydalmere Hospital for the Insane :—*Mr. McGarry*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any attendants been appointed recently at Rydalmere Hospital for the Insane, or other similar institutions ?

(2.) Upon whom devolves the duty of making such appointments ?

(3.) Is it a fact that applicants for such positions are taken through city registry offices ?

(4.) Is it a fact that fees are charged to such applicants to the amount of £1, paid in advance, by such registry offices, and that a further amount is demanded if the applicant gets a position ?

(5.) Will he bring about a system of receiving and dealing with applicants which will prevent these registry offices demanding fees for introducing applicants for Government employment ?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane has furnished me with the following information, viz.:—Some attendants were obtained by the Rydalmere Hospital for the Insane from a registry office, there being no suitable applicants on the list at the Hospital at the time, the attendants being chosen from those on the books of the registry office seeking employment generally. It is understood the usual registry office fee alone was paid by the attendant, and no special charge was made for the entry to the Hospital staff. The customary method of making appointments to the Hospital is to select from those who apply direct to the Institution, and whose names are kept on its register. If, however, a man has been sent by a registry office who is suitable his application is not refused.

(2.) Appointment of Attendants, Rydalmere Hospital for the Insane :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that applications have lately been invited through a city registry office for an attendant at Rydalmere Asylum ; and, if so, has an appointment been made ?

(2.) How many applicants were submitted to the Asylum authorities by the registry office proprietor ?

(3.) Is it a fact that the registry office proprietor demanded and obtained from applicants a fee of £1, or any fee, before he would submit their names to the Asylum authorities ; and, if so, will steps be taken to demand the refund of all fees paid by unsuccessful applicants ?

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(4.) By what authority are these applications invited through a registry office instead of by advertisement in a usual departmental way?

(5.) Will steps be taken to discontinue the practice of inviting applications through a registry office, and the imposition of fees on even a successful applicant?

Mr. Wood answered,—I invite the Honorable Member's attention to the answers which I have just given to the Questions asked on behalf of the Honorable Member for Yass.

(3.) Closer Settlement :—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many estates have the Government resumed under the Closer Settlement Acts?

(2.) What was the total acreage of such estates?

(3.) What was the average price paid per acre?

(4.) What has been the total costs to the Crown, including Appeal Court, Counsel, &c., up to date, in all appeal cases?

(5.) What is the cost of the Advisory Boards per year to the Crown?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Seventeen estates have been acquired by resumption or purchase.

(2.) 495,053 acres 1 rood 8 perches.

(3.) £3 11s. 10½d.

(4.) The total cost in appeal cases up to the end of June, 1910, has been £28,001.

(5.) Average cost for two years past, £11,850 per annum.

(4.) Care of Patients Discharged from Hospitals for the Insane :—Mr. Levy, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With regard to patients discharged from Hospitals for the Insane, will he state the percentage during last year that returned to the Institutions for further treatment?

(2.) Is it a fact that many of the patients return to the Institution as a result of the mental strain imposed upon them through not being able to obtain suitable employment?

(3.) Is he prepared to establish an intermediate Home, where care could be taken of patients (in the absence of relatives and friends) until such time that employment can be obtained for them?

(4.) Has the Government any intention of establishing such a Home; if not, is he prepared to consider the claims for financial support of the "After-care Association," established for some years, and having for its objects financial and moral support to discharged patients until such time as they are able to find employment?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) One hundred and eighty-nine patients were admitted to the hospitals who on previous occasions had been inmates of Hospitals for the Insane in New South Wales, being 14 per cent. of the total admissions.

(2.) Possibly in a small percentage of cases.

(3.) No.

(4.) Some assistance is already given to the "After-care Association" through the Hospitals for the Insane.

(5.) Railway Department Seniority List :—Mr. Levy, for Mr. John Millet, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there, in the Railway Department, a seniority list of the salaried office staff available for each and every officer on that staff, so that when a position becomes vacant every officer entitled can make an application if he wishes?

(2.) If so, where can the Honorable Member for Bathurst see such list?

(3.) If not, will one be prepared?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) All promotions are made in the terms of the 79th section of the Government Railways Act, 1901, as amended by the Railway Commissioners Appointment Act, 1906. Seniority lists are kept where considered necessary.

(2 and 3.) The lists are for departmental use only.

(6.) Secretary to Railway Decentralisation Commission :—Mr. Burgess asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Mr. D. J. Quinn has been appointed Secretary of the Royal Commission on Railway Decentralisation?

(2.) Is he a permanent officer of the Public Service?

(3.) Were applications invited for the position?

(4.) Were any applications received from permanent officers of the Public Service?

(5.) Did the Public Service Board select Mr. Quinn?

(6.) What salary is Mr. Quinn to receive?

(7.) Will he consider whether there was no permanent officer competent to undertake the duties?

(8.) Will he take steps to prevent appointments of this nature in future?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) No.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) No.

(6.) At the rate of £400 per annum.

(7.) Mr. Quinn, who acted for fourteen months as Secretary to the recent Royal Commission with regard to Sydney improvement, was considered the most competent person available for the position.

(8.) The interests of the public will be kept carefully in view.

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(7.) Government Printing Office, Clerical Employees :—*Mr. McGarry*, for *Mr. Stuart-Robertson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Questions asked by the Honorable Member for Camperdown on 6th July last, respecting clerical employees in the Government Printing Office, is it a fact that the clerical staff made application for increase in salary eighteen months ago, and not during the past twelve months?

(2.) Is it a fact that, under the Public Service Board Regulations, all applications should be forwarded to the Public Service Board within a stated time?

(3.) Were the applications of these officers of the Government Printing Office clerical staff dealt with accordingly; if not, why not?

(4.) Is the Public Service Board now dealing with these applications; and, if so, will he see that the officers are placed on a fair and equitable footing, based on the service rendered by them as applied to other Departments, in regard to salary?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the facts are as stated.

(2 and 3.) The Public Service Regulations provide that "appeals" from officers against decisions of the Board shall be forwarded within a certain period, but there is no regulation requiring that all applications for increases of salary shall be forwarded to the Board within a stated time. In the cases referred to I understand that certain of the officers of the clerical staff addressed the Government Printer on the subject of their salaries, but that officer did not consider the time opportune to deal with the applications individually, and kept them until the question of the salaries of the staff generally could be dealt with as a whole. In matters of this kind some discretion must necessarily be left to the Departmental Head.

(4.) The applications are now being dealt with by the Public Service Board, which is the proper authority under the Act.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waratah, *Mr. Estell*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The action of the Board of Health in granting Slaughtering and Noxious Trade Licenses against the wishes of the Waratah Council."

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

*Mr. Estell* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 30th September, 1909, in reference to the amendments in this Bill,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Scobie*, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee does not insist upon the Assembly's amendments disagreed to by the Council in clause 3 of the Bill.

*Colonel Onslow* moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

<i>Mr. Wood</i> ,	<i>Mr. Mahony</i> ,
<i>Mr. Perry</i> ,	<i>Mr. Levy</i> ,
<i>Mr. Onkes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Moore</i> ,
<i>Mr. Taylor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Moxham</i> ,
<i>Mr. James</i> ,	<i>Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wade</i> ,	<i>Mr. Fallick</i> ,
<i>Mr. Davidson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Robert Jones</i> ,
<i>Mr. Robson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Henley</i> ,
<i>Mr. Lee</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hunt</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hindmarsh</i> ,	<i>Mr. Briner</i> ,
<i>Sir James Graham</i> ,	<i>Mr. W. Millard</i> .
<i>Mr. David Storey</i> ,	
<i>Mr. McFarlane</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gillies</i> ,	<i>Colonel Onslow</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ball</i> ,	<i>Mr. Latimer</i> .
<i>Mr. Nobbs</i> ,	

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<i>Mr. Edden</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cochran</i> ,
<i>Mr. G. A. Jones</i> ,	<i>Mr. Page</i> ,
<i>Mr. Nielsen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Grahame</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dacey</i> ,	<i>Mr. John Storey</i> ,
<i>Mr. McNeill</i> ,	<i>Mr. Gus. Miller</i> .
<i>Mr. Peters</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Arthur Griffith</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cusack</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carmichael</i> ,	<i>Mr. McGarry</i> .
<i>Mr. Beeby</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Minahan</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Dooley</i> ,	
<i>Mr. McGowen</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Estell</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Kearsley</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Burgess</i> ,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 30th September, 1909, in reference to the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Council in clause 3 of the Bill.

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*Sydney, 19th July, 1910.*

5. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S 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. Scobie*, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of *Mr. Levy*, the report was adopted.

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

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6. CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hindmarsh 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. Hindmarsh, 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. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Hindmarsh, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Nurses Registration Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 2nd August.
8. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir James Graham 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 James Graham, 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 James Graham, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. CITY BANK OF SYDNEY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Robson, 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. Robson, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Chief Commissioner for Railways:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Ashford*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways has sent in his resignation?
- (2.) If not, will the Ministry consider the necessity of removing him from his present position?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—No.

(2.) Eyesight Test for Railway and Tramway Employees:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When was the system of sight test for railway and tramway employees instituted?
- (2.) Who first recommended this system, and what were the reasons for its institution?
- (3.) Since the inauguration of the system how many employees have failed to pass and have been retired from the service?
- (4.) How many were married men with families depending upon them?
- (5.) How many had served ten years and over in the railway employ?
- (6.) Does the system extend to the highest branches of the service, including the Commissioners?
- (7.) If not, at what grade is it considered unnecessary?
- (8.) Is it considered necessary that the sight test should be put upon all employees alike?
- (9.) Will he consider whether the test should be regulated in severity according to the nature of employment?
- (10.) Are there branches of the service in which it is considered that the eye test is not needed?
- (11.) If so, to what branches of the service is the system applied, and to what branches is it not applied?
- (12.) Have numerous protests been made regarding injustice under the system?
- (13.) Will he have an inquiry made into the manner of application and effect of this system from its inauguration to the present date, at which retired employees may be represented?

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

(3.) Supreme Court Shorthand-writers' Reports:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Page*, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain Government officers, employed as shorthand-writers in the Supreme Court, have been disposing of copies of their reports to the public and what has become of the money received for same?
- (2.) Will the Public Service Board be asked to make an inquiry into the matter?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, informs me as follows:—I understand that copies have been prepared for Judges' Associates, for supply by the latter to the public on payment of the usual charges. The question of whether shorthand-writers should be allowed to retain a portion of such payment is now under consideration.

(4.) Court Shorthand-writers:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Page*, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 19th July, 1910, by a court reporter, in which a complaint is made that a number of experienced men who have been doing court reporting for years have been thrown out of their occupation by the introduction of Government shorthand-writers?
- (2.) Will he take into consideration the claims of these shorthand-writers when making permanent appointments?

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Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, informs me as follows:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, if their names be submitted to the Department; but permanent appointments can be made only under terms of the Public Service Acts.

(5.) Shorthand-writer to Northern Collieries Wages Board:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Page, asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) What fees are paid to the shorthand-writer to the Northern Collieries Wages Board?
- (2.) What is the total amount paid for shorthand notes to date?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) £159 12s., for services rendered since 30th March last.
- (2.) For copies of notes of evidence sold to the parties £45 19s. has been received, while an additional sum of £20 19s. 4d. is still due.

(6.) Road through Sutherland Shire to Kurnell:—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to make a Government road through Sutherland Shire to Kurnell?
- (2.) Have the local Shire Councils been consulted, and have their wishes been fallen in with; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am not aware of any such proposal.

(7.) Wages of Plumbers and Gasfitters in Government Architect's Department:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Cochran, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) On what date was the Plumbers and Gasfitters (Cumberland) Board Award gazetted?
- (2.) Are there any plumbers and gasfitters employed in the Government Architect's Department who do not receive the rate of wages according to the Award?
- (3.) Will he give instructions that the men referred to be paid Award rates from the date of gazettal of the Award?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) 29th December, 1909.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Instructions have already been given to pay Award rates from date of gazettal of Award.

(8.) Sale of Reserve at Cronulla:—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to sell 260 acres of a reserve at Cronulla?
- (2.) Will he consider whether this is in the interests of the general public?
- (3.) Before completing such sale, will he have further inquiries made?

Mr. Moore answered,—No. An application was made that Reserve No. 132, at Cronulla, be submitted to public auction, but the application was refused.

(9.) Emmaville Mineral Reserve:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Did the Assistant Government Geologist recently visit the Emmaville Mineral Reserve, with a view to making a report thereon?

Mr. Wood answered,—No.

(10.) Saturday Half-holiday Commission:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Premier,—What was the total cost of the Royal Commission on the Saturday Half-holiday?

Mr. Wade answered,—£285 4s. 6d., exclusive of cost of printing the Report of the Royal Commission.

(11.) Tick Quarantine—Unungar and Roseberry Holdings:—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Will he consider if a "clean run" within a quarantine area, under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, will have a tendency to maintain its freedom from infection, or whether the stock on the run will be liable to tick infestation whilst the quarantine remained?
- (2.) With regard to the quarantining of the Kyogle area, was Unungar Station included before the discovery was made of any ticks on that run?
- (3.) When was it decided to establish a dip on Unungar Station?
- (4.) Was any protest made against the establishment of the dip on the run; if so, what was the outcome?
- (5.) Was it proposed to the Department to establish the dip on the boundary between Unungar and Roseberry runs?
- (6.) What objection existed to complying with such a request?
- (7.) Was it to keep Unungar in permanent quarantine that the Government dip was established in the centre of Unungar?
- (8.) Did any crush examination of Unungar herd take place before the establishment of the dip?
- (9.) Was any promise made to the Hills not to permit a Government dip to be erected at Dairy Flat, in the centre of Unungar clean run; if so, why was that promise not kept?
- (10.) Was a petition from Woodenbong stock-owners received, asking that the dip, smear, and quarantine line be placed at the fence boundary, between Roseberry and Unungar?
- (11.) Were 421 infected Roseberry cattle from its infested areas, 10 miles down the river from Unungar, permitted to enter Unungar Run on 12th October, 1909, to travel along an unfenced road for 6 miles, through the clean herd of Unungar to Dairy Flat (centre of Unungar Run) to be disinfected by dipping?

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- (12.) Had these cattle been dipped before; if not, why were they not dipped at Roseberry or the Government dip at Bean Tree, a few miles from Roseberry?
- (13.) Will he consider if it is advisable that infested cattle should be brought on to clean country for the purpose of being disinfected?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) A "clean run" within a quarantine area will maintain its freedom from tick infestation, as only clean stock are permitted to travel within.
  - (2.) Yes, in common with many other holdings similarly placed.
  - (3.) On the 16th June, 1909.
  - (4.) Yes. After obtaining full reports, it was found that the reserve at Dairy Flat was the most suitable site for a dip.
  - (5.) No.
  - (6.) Answered by 5.
  - (7.) Certainly not.
  - (8.) Yes; in April, 1909.
  - (9.) No. A promise was made at an interview that nothing would be done without full inquiry.
  - (10.) Yes.
  - (11.) Four hundred and twenty-one clean Roseberry cattle travelling to Queensland, *via* Mount Lindsay, were carefully crush examined before starting, found clean, and taken direct to Dairy Flat dip, where they were again crush examined, found clean, and dipped, and a clean certificate issued for them to pass into Queensland, as required by Queensland regulations.
  - (12.) They were not dipped on Roseberry, as the dip there was then out of order. Travelling to Bean Tree would be going in an opposite direction to their destination.
  - (13.) Infested cattle are not allowed under any circumstances on to clean country. I may say that most of these answers were sent to Mr. Hill direct, so that he need hardly have bothered the Honorable Member about asking the Questions.
- (12.) Brick Combine :—Mr. Beeby asked the Premier,—
- (1.) From whom were inquiries recently made by him as to the correctness or otherwise as to the statements recently made concerning the increase in the price of bricks by the brick combine?
  - (2.) Will he appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the operations of the brick and other combines and trusts which have been formed in the State?
- Mr. Wade answered,—I am continuing my inquiries on this subject, but if I indicated the persons from whom I have made inquiry it might defeat the object I have in view.
- (13.) Government Savings Bank Loans :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many applications for loans on agricultural and pastoral properties have been received by the Government Savings Bank?
  - (2.) How many such applications have been granted, and how many refused?
  - (3.) What is the average rate of interest charged on loans that have been granted?
  - (4.) Will the Government introduce legislation to enable the Government Savings Bank to increase its business operations by opening a current account with business firms?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1 and 2.) A reference to the Report of the Commissioners for the year ended 31st December, 1909, which has recently been laid upon the Table of this House, will furnish the Honorable Member with the information desired.
  - (3.) The usual rate on loans up to £500 is 5 per cent., and above that amount 4½ per cent.
  - (4.) No. Legislation on the lines indicated by the Honorable Member is quite outside the scope of legitimate Savings Bank business.
- (14.) Local Government Engineers :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of Shire Councils in the State have not sufficient engineering work to justify the employment of permanent engineers?
  - (2.) Will he consider the advisability of amending the Local Government Regulations, in order to provide that Shires may engage consulting engineers for any special work, and dispense with the services of permanent engineers?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) I cannot say that such is the case.
  - (2.) The regulations already provide that Shires whose revenue for the preceding year did not exceed £3,000 may engage consulting engineers.
- (15.) Free Tramway Pass to Manager of Sydney Ferries (Limited) :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has a free pass on the New South Wales Tramways been issued to the Manager or any other official of the Sydney Ferries (Limited)?
  - (2.) If so, which, and for what reason was the pass issued?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that a tramway pass is issued to the Manager of the Sydney Ferries (Limited) as a business transaction under a reciprocal arrangement.
- (16.) Claim of G. S. Peel—Glen Innes to Deepwater Railway :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. G. S. Peel, of Glen Innes, now an old-age pensioner, has a claim against the Railway Construction Branch for services rendered in pointing out an appropriate route for the section from Glen Innes to Deepwater?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the surveying staff engaged on that section were for some years occupied in endeavouring to overcome the disadvantages of another and inferior route until Mr. Peel pointed out the one now actually used?

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- (3.) Was the surveyor who carried out the second and successful route for this section a Mr. Hoyle?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Peel was promised that he should be benefited for the valuable information supplied?
- (5.) Has any recognition ever been made of Mr. Peel's services in this connection?
- (6.) In view of his present position, will he see that some favourable action is taken concerning him?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Peel has several times made a claim.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) There is no record of any such promise.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) No claim can be recognised.
- (17.) Railway Employees:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a notice, dated 1st July, 1910, has been posted at Redfern Railway Station barrier prohibiting employees from the railway workshops from passing through the barrier; even if such employees are the holders of railway season tickets?
- (2.) If so—(a) what is the reason; (b) by whose authority has such order been placed; (c) by what method can such discrimination be made between the holders of railway season tickets?
- (3.) Is it a fact that in this connection prohibitory notices are posted up in the railway workshops under the authority of the Chief Mechanical Engineer?
- (4.) If so—(a) upon what authority has the Chief Mechanical Engineer acted; (b) is it a part of his duties to regulate traffic through the barriers of railway stations?
- (5.) Is it a fact that at meal times delay is caused to the men at Eveleigh Workshops, who desire exit from the works, by faulty or restrictive arrangements at the gate leading from the premises?
- (6.) Will he cause the Chief Commissioner for Railways to give increases of wages to the lower-paid employees in accord with the Government's intimated intention of granting increases in salaries owing to increased cost of living; and, particularly in the case of labourers, that they may receive at least 8s. per day for eight hours work?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes; but employees are allowed to use the barrier when joining or leaving trains.
- (2.) To prevent employees forcing their way through the barriers at other times than when joining or leaving trains, more particularly at meal hours, instead of using the main gates provided for their use. The order was posted under the authority of the Deputy Chief Commissioner.
- (3 and 4.) The notices were posted in the Eveleigh Workshops in September, 1905, by direction of the Railway Commissioners, and in May last by the direction of the Deputy Chief Commissioner.
- (5.) I am not aware.
- (6.) The employees are being paid in accordance with the Awards under the Industrial Disputes Act.
- (18.) Compensation to Civil Servants deprived of Leave of Absence:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in a Return to Order upon the motion of the Honorable Member for Petersham, Mr. Cohen, and laid upon the Table of this House on 18th October, 1905, entitled "Compensation to Civil Servants deprived of Leave of Absence," the names of a number of retrenched civil servants were given who received compensation?
- (2.) Were there a number of those whose names appeared in this return who did not receive any compensation; if so, will he deal with these cases by placing a sum on the General Estimates to meet them?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the reply given by me to Questions asked by him on this subject on 26th August last.
- (2.) The matter will be considered. A sum of £12,000 was previously provided on the Estimates, but was rejected by the House.
- (19.) Municipal Taxation:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he come to any decision in connection with the suggestion placed before him by a deputation upon 29th July, 1909, as to altering the present appointment of municipal taxation between lessor and lessee?
- (2.) Will he introduce amending legislation as requested by such deputation?
- (3.) Has he yet communicated to the Woollahra Municipal Council any statement of his intention in this connection?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) The matter will receive consideration.
- (3.) No.
- (20.) Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Board:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Premier,—
- (1.) What are the names of the members of the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions (Metropolitan) Board?
- (2.) Are these gentlemen employed in branches of the Public Service; and, if so, in what positions, and at what respective salaries?
- (3.) Is it a fact that they receive fees as members of the Board; and, if so, to what extent?
- (4.) What are the numbers of outside District Boards in the State; and are fees also paid to members of such Boards; and, if so, to what extent?
- (5.) Is it a fact that many, if not all the members of these District Boards are officers of the Public Service?
- Mr.*

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Messrs. C. R. Walsh (Chairman), W. M. Macfarlane, and Dr. S. H. MacCulloch.

(2.) Mr. Walsh is Prothonotary, and receives a salary of £925 per annum, and Mr. Macfarlane is Comptroller-General of Prisons, with salary at the rate of £800 per annum. Dr. MacCulloch is not a member of the Public Service.

(3.) Yes, £1 1s. per sitting. The fees paid during the financial year ended 30th June, 1910, did not, in the case of any member, exceed £50.

(4.) Fifty (exclusive of the Metropolitan District Board). A fee of £1 1s. per sitting is allowed.

(5.) The District Boards were originally appointed under the State Old-age Pensions Act, the Police or Stipendiary Magistrate (except in Metropolitan District) being the Chairman. Owing to resignations, &c., nearly all the Boards are incomplete, and consist of the Police Magistrate and one outside member only. However, to constitute the legal strength of three members prescribed by law, the District Deputy Registrar (the Clerk of Petty Sessions) acts *pro forma* as a member only when his services are required (in the absence of either the Police Magistrate or the other member) to form a quorum. When so acting, the Clerk of Petty Sessions receives the usual fee as a member of the Board.

(21.) Cremorne Point Tramway:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended to invite tenders for the construction of the tram to Cremorne Point?

Mr. Lee answered,—On or about the 3rd August.

(22.) Grant to Family of Late Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan:—Mr. Minahan asked the Premier,—Has the Honorable Member for Belmore applied to the Government for a special grant to the family of the late Honorable E. W. O'Sullivan; if so, will he inform this House if the Government intends to act upon the suggestion?

Mr. Wade answered,—A suggestion of the character indicated has been made to the Government by the Honorable Member for Belmore and other Honorable Members of this House. The matter is receiving consideration.

2. CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS OF PRIZE FIGHT, JEFFRIES *v.* JOHNSON:—The following Petitions, representing that cinematograph films of the recent prize fight in America are to be introduced into and shown at various places of amusement in New South Wales; that such exhibition will tend to the demoralisation of the spectators, and especially of the young; and praying the House to take such steps as may seem best to prevent the introduction and exhibition of such films,—were presented by Mr. Parkes:—

(1.) From certain members and adherents of the Methodist Church, Mittagong.

(2.) From certain members and adherents of the Methodist Church, Moss Vale.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulations Nos. 220 and 221, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of the Maharatta Estate, near Bombala.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of part of the Bibbenluke Estate, near Bombala.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Amended Quarry Regulations under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Blayney, Mr. Beeby, 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 amending the Regulations under the Local Government Act to permit Shire Councils to engage Consulting Engineers in place of Permanent Officials.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the reconsideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with a further amendment.

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

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

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7. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, on Tuesday in each week during the remainder of the present Session, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business after Seven o'clock p.m. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The remaining Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until a later hour of the Day.
9. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, *passed*. Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Australian Mutual Provident Society; and to amend 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 has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Australian Mutual Provident Society; and to amend the same,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th July, 1910.*
- AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S BILL.  
*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 20th July, 1910.*
- RICH. A. ARNOLD,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
- Page 4, clause 4, line 12. *Omit* "James Oswald Fairfax, Esquire," *insert* "Adrian Knox, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, one of His Majesty's Counsel for the State of New South Wales"
- Examined,—  
JOHN J. COHEN,  
Chairman of Committees.
10. CASINO SCHOOL OF ARTS ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Hindmarsh, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. Hindmarsh then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Casino School of Arts Enabling Act.*" Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Casino School of Arts Enabling Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th July, 1910.*
11. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Sir James Graham, read a third time, and *passed*. Sir James Graham then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886.*" 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 Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th July, 1910.*
12. CITY BANK OF SYDNEY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Robson, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. Robson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the City Bank Act.*" Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT —  
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the City Bank Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th July, 1910.*

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Running of Morning Trains, Southern Line:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many times has the 4.25 a.m. Goulburn train, Monday mornings, arrived at the Central Station to schedule time since 1st January, 1910?
- (2.) Will he endeavour to have this train, as well as the 6.15 a.m. train from Moss Vale, run to time-table, so as to enable residents who live on the southern mountains to reach their employment in proper time?
- (3.) Is it a fact that time is lost every morning at Picton by attaching empty carriages to this train; if so, why?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) This train has not kept schedule time since 1st January. The late arrivals varied from one to seventeen minutes.
- (2.) Special attention is being paid to the running of these trains with a view to effect improvement.
- (3.) No; three minutes being allowed for this work in the time-table, and this allowance is not exceeded.

- (2.) Case of Alfred Scholtz—Sydney Ferries (Limited):—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a lad named Alfred Scholtz was, on the 24th June, fined £15, and costs, at the Water Police Court for discharging ashes into the Harbour?
- (2.) Is it a fact that while other ferry steamers are fitted with bunkers for carrying ashes, those of the Sydney Ferries (Limited) are not, and that this lad was in their employ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that it has been represented to him that this lad is aged 18, in receipt of £1 per week, and the support of his mother?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the methods of the Sydney Ferries (Limited) in regard to the removal of ashes by barrows are notorious for their primitiveness and inconvenience to the travelling public?
- (5.) Has an application been made that he should recommend to His Excellency the Governor a remission of portion of this fine; and, if so, has he refused to do so, and for what special reasons?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 4.) I am informed that no ferry steamers are fitted with bunkers for carrying ashes, and that the methods of the Sydney Ferries (Limited) are the best that can be devised under existing circumstances.
- (3.) It has been represented that such is the case, but I understand he is not the sole support of his mother.
- (5.) Such application was made, but after full inquiry my Colleague, the Minister of Justice, did not see sufficient reason to justify his recommending His Excellency the Governor to remit any portion of the fine.

- (3.) Mr. G. E. Brodie, late Inspector-General of Charities:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What were the reasons for the removal of Mr. G. E. Brodie from the office of Inspector-General of Charities?
- (2.) Did that removal occur in September, 1908?

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- (3.) Has Mr. Brodie been engaged in official work since September, 1908, and for how long altogether?
- (4.) Is it a fact that he has been paid salary at the rate of £800 a year for the whole of that period?
- (5.) Is it a fact that he was absent on leave on full pay for a portion of that period, but on condition that he was to be subject to recall at any time?
- (6.) Has he any objection to allowing the whole of the papers in this connection to be laid upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

(1.) As a result of an investigation held by them into certain matters connected with the Liverpool Asylum, the Public Service Board came to the conclusion that strained relations had existed for some time between Mr. Brodie, the then Inspector-General of Charities, and Dr. Beattie, Surgeon Superintendent of the Asylum, and the Board considered, as an outcome of the inquiry, that it was in the interests of the institutions that a medical officer should be appointed to take control of the Government Asylums for the Infirm. Dr. Paton was appointed to this position on the 1st October, 1908.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes. Between 1st October, 1908, and 28th February, 1909, as Deputy-Commissioner for Taxation during Mr. Spiller's absence on leave, and between 5th July and 9th August, 1909, in connection with an inquiry held by the Public Service Board.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Except for the periods stated in (3) he was on extended leave of absence on full pay for which he was eligible by long service. Although Mr. Brodie asked for leave subject to his being recalled should his services be required, no such condition was imposed in the Board's recommendations.

(6.) The papers are voluminous and should be moved for in the usual way.

- (4.) Free Tramway Pass to Manager of Sydney Ferries (Limited):—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the "reciprocal arrangement" on which a free pass over the Government Tramways was granted to the Manager of the Sydney Ferries (Limited)?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed the reciprocal arrangement is the issue of a pass by the Sydney Ferries (Limited) to the Assistant Tramway Traffic Superintendent, whose duties necessitate frequent steamer travelling in connection with the tramway and ferry services.

- (5.) Secretary to Public Works Committee:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated on page 66 of the last General Report of the Public Works Committee, that the Committee, on 17th February, informed Mr. Speaker and the President of the Legislative Council that it was desirable to fill the position of Secretary to the Committee as early as possible, and that any delay would be fraught with considerable inconvenience, not only to the Committee, but also to the public interest?

(2.) Has the position of Secretary been filled; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

(3.) Has the position been offered to any of the applicants; and on what terms and conditions?

(4.) Will he cause all letters and papers dealing with the subject to be laid upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

(1.) A letter, addressed by the Chairman of the Committee to Mr. Speaker in the terms mentioned, is reproduced in the Report.

(2 and 3.) The vacant Secretaryship was offered to Mr. Blenkin, of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff. Mr. Blenkin declined the offer; but in pursuance of a joint recommendation made by the President of the Legislative Council and Mr. Speaker, on the ground that Mr. Blenkin was engaged in a number of inquiries that were part heard, he will continue to act as Secretary until the close of the current Session of Parliament.

- (6.) Victualling Allowance to Crew of "Ajax":—*Mr. Brown*, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any determination been arrived at with respect to the application of the crew of the "Ajax" for a victualling allowance?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Public Service Board have not seen their way to approve of the crew of the "Ajax" being granted a victualling allowance, but they have decided that the maximum pay of seamen in the Pilot Service shall be increased from £126 per annum to £132 per annum.

- (7.) Proclamation of Federal Capital Area:—*Mr. Cusack* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many electors are there in the Federal Territory?

(2.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown whether the issue of the Proclamation of acceptance of the Federal Territory will preclude electors within that territory from voting at the forthcoming State Election?

(3.) If that opinion be in the affirmative, will he provide means by which these electors could vote by post as absent electors of the Queanbeyan Electorate?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

(1.) 698.

(2.) At present this is a hypothetical question. The Government have so far failed to induce the Commonwealth to issue the Proclamation.

(3.) Such a proposal is legally impossible.

- (8.) Gardeners in Botanic Gardens:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, within the last twelve months, two labourers employed in the Botanic Sub-Department, and gazetted as such, have been placed upon the staff as gardeners, and gazetted; and, if so, why were temporary gardeners overlooked for similar treatment?

(2.) Is it a fact that there are a number of positions for gardeners marked "Vacant" in the 1909 Public Service List; and, if so, how many, and why are they not filled permanently by the now temporary gardeners?

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- (3.) Will steps be taken to have temporary gardeners, who have served six months' probationary service, and passed the necessary medical test, gazetted permanent at an early date?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a number of labourers—permanent, temporary, and casual—receive more wages per day than the rank-and-file gardeners; if so, how many, and for what reason?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the pay of rank-and-file gardeners does not exceed 8s. per day, the maximum pay of labourers; and, if so, will the professional quality of this work be considered, with a view to raise the pay to 8s. 6d. per day?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes. They already had been gazetted permanent labourers, but, on examination of their work, they were given the rank of gardener.
- (2.) Yes, four. I will have inquiries made into the matter.
- (3.) The Public Service Board have already decided against placing on the permanent staff temporary employees engaged in the Botanic Gardens.
- (4.) No. Two labourers, who are expert axemen, receive 8s. per day.
- (5.) Yes. The wages are fixed by the Public Service Board, who, no doubt, have taken all facts into consideration.
- (9.) Appointment of Attendants, Rydalmere Hospital for the Insane:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Questions of the Honorable Member for Yass and the Honorable Member for St. Leonards on the 19th July, 1910, *re* appointment of attendants for the Rydalmere Hospital for the Insane,—

- (1.) What was the name of the registry office proprietor who was advised of the vacancy, and by whom was he instructed?
- (2.) How many applicants were sent to the Asylum by such proprietor?
- (3.) How many attendants were engaged, and will the proper officer of the Asylum instruct such registry office proprietor to refund to unsuccessful applicants any fee paid to him?
- (4.) Will steps be taken to prevent registry offices being instructed to engage attendants for employment in the Lunacy or any other Department under his control?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane has furnished me with the following information, viz.:—

- (1.) (a) Simpson Brothers; (b) the Medical Superintendent, Hospital for the Insane, Rydalmere.
- (2.) About a dozen.
- (3.) Two, the others being unsuitable. The Institution is not aware whether a fee is charged to unsuccessful applicants.
- (4.) Registry office keepers have not been given authority to engage attendants; applicants sent up by them are considered on their merits with those applying direct.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Water Supply for Broken Hill from Umberumberka Creek*):—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply for Broken Hill from Umberumberka Creek.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members Sworn*:—Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, and William Arthur Holman, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for an immediate amendment of the Government Savings Bank Act, with the object of removing the restriction therein contained, which prevents the Commissioners from making loans from the Advances Department of the Bank to persons desirous of building homes for themselves in the cities and towns of New South Wales."

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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Mehan,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Minahan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Burgess,	

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Mr. Robson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Bartou,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir James Graham,	
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

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5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) **Diseased Animals and Meat (Amendment) Bill** :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

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

- (2.) **Macken Estate Bill** :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the executors and the trustees for the time being of the will of James Joseph Macken to invest certain moneys belonging to the estate of the said James Joseph Macken in the purchase of shares in 'Mark Foy's (Limited),' and to retain the shares so purchased as investments of the funds of the said estate; to extend the powers of investment conferred by the said will upon the said trustees; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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Sydney, 21st July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

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

- (3.) **Australian Mutual Provident Society's 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 consolidate the enactments relating to the Australian Mutual Provident Society; and to amend the same.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st July, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

7. **PAPER** :—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of the Hardwicke Estate, near Yass.  
Ordered to be printed.

8. **CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

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 clauses 5 and 6,"—instead thereof.

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,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 5 and 6,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Moore, 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. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2<sup>d</sup> with further amendments.

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

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

9. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; 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 Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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10. LOAN (RAILWAYS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes ; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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 authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes ; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st July, 1910.*

11. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PART OF TUPPAL ESTATE, NEAR FINLEY :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 50,000 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Finley, being part of the Tuppal Estate, covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 15th June, 1910, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £4 10s. per acre.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—MAHARATTA ESTATE, NEAR BOMBALA :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 20,130 acres 3 roods 2 perches, more or less, of private land, situate near Bombala, being the Maharatta Estate, within the 15-mile limit of the approved line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 16th June, 1909, together with the improvements thereon.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Robson,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Fell,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cochran.
Mr. Burgess,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Minahan.
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. McGowen,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PART OF BIBBENLUKE ESTATE, NEAR BOMBALA :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 16,210 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Bombala, being part of Bibbenluke Estate, within the 15-mile limit of the approved line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, included within an area covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 16th June, 1909, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £3 15s. per acre.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Waddell,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Donaldson.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Perry,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Mercer.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Ashford.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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21st July, 1910.

14. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1910-11, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Robson,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. John Miller,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Lonsdale,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Minahan.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Ashford,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 JULY, 1910.

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

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

- (1.) Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend to girls of and above the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, and under the ages of sixteen and seventeen years respectively, the protection given to girls under the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, by certain provisions of the criminal law relating to offences against the person; to bring step-fathers within certain of those provisions; to enable certain of those offences to be dealt with in a summary way; to exclude girls under the age of eighteen from brothels; and to amend the Crimes 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.

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Sydney, 25th July, 1910.

- (2.) Casino School of Arts Enabling Act Amendment Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Casino School of Arts Enabling 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 25th July, 1910.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Second-class Accommodation, Illawarra Line:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the second-class passengers on the Illawarra Suburban trains in the busy portions of the day are so overcrowded that numbers are unable to get seating accommodation, and are compelled to stand upon the platforms or take seats in first-class carriages?

(2.) Is it a fact that excess fare is charged when second-class passengers ride first-class under such circumstances?

(3.) Will he represent to the Chief Railway Commissioner the advisability of increasing the accommodation, and where it is unavoidable that second-class passengers have to ride in first-class carriages that no excess be charged?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) During the busy portions of the day some of the trains are, to some extent, overcrowded; but passengers are frequently found riding on the car platforms when there is ample seating accommodation.

(2.) Passengers holding second-class tickets found travelling in first-class carriages are charged excess fares, when second-class accommodation is available. A large number of passengers, holding second class tickets, enter first-class compartments without making any attempt to ascertain if there is room in the second-class.

(3.) The utmost possible accommodation is already given, and cannot be increased until this line is quadrupled. The instructions to the checking staff are that excess fares are not to be charged when second-class accommodation is not available.

(2.) Superannuation Deductions from Pensions of ex-Public Servants:—Mr. Cohen asked the Premier,—Is it a fact that deductions are still being made from the pensions of some ex-civil servants who have fulfilled the requirements of the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1908?

Mr. Wade answered,—Yes; deductions under section 55 of the Civil Service Act, 1884, are still made from such pensions. This is a condition imposed on all pensioners who are discharging their liability in respect of 4 per cent. on salary received prior to 1885 by annual abatement from their pensions, and is quite distinct from the deductions referred to in the Act of 1908. The last-mentioned Act was passed solely to meet the case of those officers whose pensions were subject to deduction in respect of gratuities and refunds of contributions under the Act of 1899.

(3.) Erina Shire Endowment:—Mr. Kearsley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the Erina Shire has not yet received an endowment; if not, why not?

Mr. Lee answered,—The endowment was paid nearly a fortnight ago.

(4.) Manual Training in Public Schools:—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that applications for position as Superintendent of Manual Training were invited two years ago?

(2.) Has that position been filled?

(3.) Is it a fact that a man from West Australia was approached by his Department; and, if so, did he refuse to accept the position?

(4.) Will he ascertain whether there are any capable men in this State in every branch of manual training?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Department is now depending on a teacher in Cleveland-street Public School to give necessary instructions in manual training to teachers?

(6.) Is any remuneration paid to this officer for special work done?

(7.) Does the Department place music and drawing as superior subjects to manual training?

(8.) If not, why are superintendents appointed for both these subjects?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) No one in West Australia was approached by my Department. Applications were publicly invited. One of the applicants was in West Australia, but he afterwards withdrew his application.

(4.) It is already known that there are capable teachers of manual training in this State.

(5.) A teacher at Cleveland-street is one of four who are instructing teachers in manual work.

(6.) This teacher is paid his salary as an assistant on the school staff.

(7.) No.

(8.) The best treatment of these subjects is secured by the appointment of superintendents.

(5.) Railway Locomotives Purchased from Clyde Engineering Company:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many locomotives have been purchased from the Clyde Engineering Company, in pursuance of the arrangement made by the Honorable Sir Joseph Carruthers after the inquiry by the Royal Commission?

(2.) What was the price per ton of such locomotives?

(3.) What has been the total sum paid to the Clyde Engineering Company?

(4.) Since that inquiry have any locomotives been obtained in any other quarters?

(5.) If so, how many, at what price per ton, and at what total cost?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(6.) Retired Civil Servants—Payment of Rebate:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Attorney-General,—Has any decision yet been arrived at in regard to rebate to public servants retired in 1896?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am not sure what "rebate" the Honorable Member refers to, but if he will furnish me with further information I will endeavour to give him a reply.

(7.) Visit of Assistant Government Geologist to Strathbogie or Rocky Creek:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was the Assistant Government Geologist, or any other officer of the Mines Department, at Strathbogie or Rocky Creek Station during June or any time this year?

(2.) If so, was the visit a private one or was it made upon business connected with the Department?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes, the Assistant Government Geologist.

(2.) On business connected with the Department.

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- (8.) Collapse of Roofing, Imperial Arcade, Sydney :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. G. A. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that during the recent storm in Sydney a portion of the glass roofing of the Imperial Arcade was broken and fell to the footway, narrowly missing a pedestrian?
  - (2.) If so, will he take steps to reduce the risk of falling glass upon pedestrians using this and other arcades in the City?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
  - (2.) This is doubtless a matter for the Municipal Council to deal with under the City Building Act.
- (9.) Sewing Instructresses in Public Schools :—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Are the wives of unclassified teachers sometimes employed as sewing instructresses?
  - (2.) Do they receive remuneration?
  - (3.) If so, what amount is allowed?
  - (4.) If not, will he have a reasonable amount paid them in future for their services?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—Wives of unclassified teachers are not employed in this capacity. They occasionally give instruction in sewing, but are not required to do so by the Department. No change in this respect is proposed.
- (10.) Saturday Half-holiday Royal Commission :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. G. A. Jones*, asked the Premier,—
- What has been the cost of printing and reporting in connection with the Royal Commission on the Saturday Half-holiday?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—(a) Printing, £618 3s.; (b) reporting, £47 13s. 6d.
- (11.) Subvention to Friendly Societies :—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the subvention to Friendly Societies for the year ended 31st December, 1909, been paid?
  - (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
  - (3.) Can he state approximately when this subvention will be paid?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; in all cases in which correct claims have been rendered.
  - (2.) There has been no delay except that occasioned by the societies themselves. The final date named in the Act for the receipt of claims is 30th June in each year, and, in most cases, the societies have rendered their statements only just within the time limit.
  - (3.) Where these claims, after examination, are found correct, payment will be made, probably within a fortnight. In some cases the branches have not submitted annual returns, and payment cannot be made until these returns shall have been received.
- (12.) Payment of Dirt Money to Fitters in Railway Service :—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has anything definite been done in regard to the question of dirt money and payment for Sunday time in connection with the fitters in the railway workshops?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—Yes; a scale of payments for dirt money has been agreed upon, and has been submitted to the men for consideration. It is understood that the matter will be dealt with at a meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers to be held early this week. It has been decided to pay for Sunday time, in accordance with the Award.
- (13.) Grafton District School Buildings :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for carrying out improvements to the Grafton District school buildings?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—It is expected that tenders for this work will be invited in about six weeks' time.
- (14.) Coal-mining Accidents :—*Mr. Kearsley* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many accidents have occurred in the coal and shale mines of the State during the last twelve months?
  - (2.) What is the monthly record of such accidents since the end of June, 1909, for each of the following coal measures :—(a) The Maitland Field; (b) the Borehole Seam; (c) the Wallarah Seam; (d) the Western District; (e) the Southern District?
  - (3.) How many accidents have occurred for the same measures respectively for each of the last twelve months?
- Mr. Wood* answered,—
- (1.) Fifteen fatal accidents, causing the death of fifteen persons; 107 non-fatal; total, 122.
  - (2 and 3.) This information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.
3. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Moore*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Moore* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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## 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Monthly Record of Colliery Accidents, from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for water supply to the Town of Dungog.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Narromine to Peak Hill Railway.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the water supply of the City of Sydney and Suburbs.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Kyogle to Casino Railway.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Kyogle to Casino Railway.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Court-house at Bega.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. George, Mr. Taylor, 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 reduction in fares on the Suburban Railway System.”

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

Mr. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn:

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith pointed out that the Standing Orders had been suspended to allow of a Supply Bill being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day, and the Order of the Day for Supply was now on the Notice Paper, and submitted that this subject could be amply discussed in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker said he felt bound to uphold the Point of Order taken, which he ruled to be fatal to the present motion.

7. STANDING ORDERS—INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to amend the Standing Orders—(a) so as to provide that the initial motion for the introduction of a Bill shall be submitted to a vote of the House as a formal motion, no objection being allowed; (b) so as to assure to members of the Legislative Assembly the right to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance on any day that Parliament is sitting.

Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 20th July, 1910.*

8. SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Living Allowances to Police in Country Districts:—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What living allowance is granted to the police where the Department consider the cost of living excessive in country districts?

(2.) Have inquiries been made to ascertain whether the cost of living at stations not receiving the allowances is in many cases greater than at some of those which are receiving such allowance; if not, will inquiries be made?

(3.) In classing a station entitled to a living allowance, upon what commodities of living is such allowance based?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—

(1.) Sixpence per diem to non-commissioned officers and constables, and 1s. per diem to officers. At Milparinka, Tibooburra, and White Cliffs, 1s. per diem to non-commissioned officers and men.

(2.) Inquiries are now being made.

(3.) Articles generally in use.

(2.) Book of Stock Brands:—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) When was the last book of brands compiled?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to bring this book up to date?

(3.) Is it a fact that poundkeepers suffer inconvenience from insufficiency of information?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1 and 2.) Brand Directories are published annually, showing all brands allotted during the previous year. That for 1909 has been compiled and is with the Government Printer for publication.

(3.) I cannot say.

(3.) Public School, Tom's Lagoon:—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will tenders be invited for the erection of a public school building at Tom's Lagoon?

(2.) What is the cause of delay?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—Tenders for this work were invited in the *Government Gazette* of the 20th instant, and will be received up to the 15th August.

(4.) Registration of Dogs in Country Districts:—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in many parts of the State it is necessary for farmers and others to keep a number of dogs to cope with rabbits, foxes, and other such pests?

(2.) Will he issue an instruction to those whose duty it is to register dogs that, if the owners make a declaration that their dogs are necessary to enable them to cope with pests, or to carry on their ordinary occupation, no registration fee be charged?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—Instructions have been issued from time to time that the Dog Act is not to be rigorously enforced in country districts where settlers must keep dogs as a protection against vermin, but that in towns and adjacent main roads, where dogs are a nuisance and a source of danger to the public, the Act must be enforced.

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- (5.) Wood Carting and Cutting Licenses:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a carter holding license to cart wood has to pay 5s. per month for "man cutting wood"?
  - (2.) If so, will he give instructions to the forest ranger to allow the one license to operate in both instances for carting and cutting wood?
  - (3.) Have representations been made to him that, owing to the bad state of the roads, and the long distances that the wood has to be carted, it is difficult for these men to make a living?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Under the forestry regulations any person holding a license, the fee for which is 5s. per month, can cut and remove from unexempted Crown lands dead timber for fuel. If two or more persons are engaged in this work it is necessary for each to hold a license.
  - (3.) No.
- (6.) Gardeners in Botanic Gardens:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
- (1.) For what reason did the Public Service Board decide against placing temporary gardeners in the Botanic Sub-Department on the permanent staff; and when was such decision arrived at?
  - (2.) Are the majority of these gardeners filling positions vacated by previously gazetted gardeners?
  - (3.) Have inquiries regarding the vacancies for gardeners in the 1909 Public Service List been made, and with what result?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) It was not considered necessary to make permanent appointments to such positions as gardeners, labourers, &c.; 11th March, 1909.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Yes. The vacant positions have been deleted from the Public Service List for the current year as being unnecessary.
- (7.) Chairmen of Wages Boards:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Cochran*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) What are the names of the gentlemen appointed as Chairmen of the Wages Boards?
  - (2.) What are the amounts received as fees, and by whom?
  - (3.) What are the amounts received as travelling expenses, and by whom?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—This information is too voluminous to furnish in the form of an answer to a Question. It should be moved for in the form of a return.
- (8.) Clubs in Metropolitan Area:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Cochran*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) The number of licensed clubs, issued under the Liquor Act, in the Metropolitan area?
  - (2.) The number of clubs exempt from the provisions of the Liquor Act?
  - (3.) Under what section are exemptions granted?
  - (4.) What are the conditions, if any, governing exemptions?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) There are forty-three registered clubs within the area named, and twenty-four of them have been granted exemptions.
  - (3.) Section 77, Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905.
  - (4.) The Honourable Member's attention is invited to the terms of the section just referred to.
- (9.) *Mr. Oliver*, late Chief Railway Commissioner:—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Hollis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Does *Mr. Oliver*, late Chief Railway Commissioner, receive a pension; if so, what is the amount?
  - (2.) Did he receive fees as a member of the Commission which inquired into the connection between the City and North Sydney; and, if so, what amount?
  - (3.) Is he receiving fees as a member of the Decentralisation Commission; if so, what is the amount?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) *Mr. Oliver* is in receipt of a pension at the rate of £666 13s. 4d. per annum.
  - (2.) Yes, £5 5s. per sitting; total, £378.
  - (3.) Yes, £5 5s. per sitting.
- (10.) Increases of Salaries and Grade Test of Public Servants:—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Stuart-Robertson*, asked the Premier,—Is it a fact that in connection with the recently-published scheme for increasing the salaries of officers in the lower grades of the Service, a large number of long-service men in the Clerical Division, in receipt of £150 per annum, will be denied any increase owing to their not having passed the "grade" test?
- Mr. Wade* answered,—The Public Service Board inform me that this will not be the case, and that under the new scheme of promotion the grade test will be at £180, instead of at £150 as hitherto.
- (11.) Casual Employees on Tramways:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of young men are employed as casuals on the Tramways of the State?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that they are not fully occupied?
  - (3.) If so, is it a fact that the Commissioners are continually advertising for more men?
  - (4.) What are the average earnings, per week, for each of such casual employees?
  - (5.) Are many of these casual employees married men; and, if so, will he interview the Acting Chief Commissioner with a view to an arrangement being made so that a full week's wage may be earned by them?
- Mr.



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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) Advertisements are inserted from time to time for additional men required to deal with the increased traffic on Saturdays, holidays, and special occasions.

(4.) £1 13s. 10d.

(5.) I am not aware. Arrangements cannot be made to fully employ these men on the tramways, and they understand the conditions prior to engagement.

(12.) Goods Traffic at Gosford, Ourimbah, and Wyong Railway Stations:—Mr. Kearsley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the revenue derived from timber traffic at Gosford, Ourimbah, and Wyong railway stations, respectively, during 1909?

(2.) What was the amount received from bran, pollard, and chaff from those stations during the same period?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Gosford, £721 3s.; Ourimbah, £3,303 3s.; Wyong, £3,481 3s. 2d.

(2.) Gosford and Ourimbah, nil; Wyong, £5 13s. 8d.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Railway Locomotives purchased from the Clyde Engineering Company (Limited), and elsewhere.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

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

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

4. RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,315,060; being £1,842,900 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, September, October, and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1911, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1910, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1910-1911; and

£2,188,160 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—

£24,650 for Colonial Secretary, viz.,—Board of Fire Commissioners, £21,000; Sydney Hospital—Increased Bed Subsidy, £650; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital—Increased Bed Subsidy, £500; Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney—Increased aid, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private annual contributions, £500; Sydney Hospital—Special Grant, £1,000; Royal Prince Alfred Hospital—Special Grant, £1,000;

£32,160 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, viz.,—To meet increases of pay to members of the Police Force, and to provide increases to salaries of Officers in the Professional and Clerical Divisions of the Service, and to Public School Teachers, £31,600; To pay increases to Officers and Employees of the Sydney Harbour Trust in receipt of salaries and wages under £300 per annum, £560;

£1,882,350 for Railways and Tramways—Working Expenses;

£249,000 for Secretary for Public Works—Public Works and Services—Maintenance, viz.,—Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £11,250; Dredge Service, £50,000; Public Buildings, £20,000; Equipment, Travelling, Transfer, Removal, and other Allowances and Pay for Temporary Service, £13,750; Local Government—Local Government (Endowments of Shires), £154,000:

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£1,141,000 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in anticipation of Loan Votes ; being £50,000 for Sydney Harbour Trust—Construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port ;

£555,000 for Railways and Tramways, being—£485,000 for Railways, viz.,—Rolling Stock to meet additional Traffic Requirements, including the Equipment of New Lines, £237,000 ; Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes, £198,000 ; Towards Deviation to cut out the Lithgow Zig Zag, and for other purposes, £50,000 ; and £70,000 for Tramways, viz.,—Additions to Lines, Workshops, and Buildings, and for other purposes, £35,000 ; Rolling Stock, to meet expansion of traffic, £35,000 ;

£536,000 for Secretary for Public Works, viz.,—Railways—Mudgee to Dunedoo, £25,000 ; North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton), £250,000 ; Narromine to Peak Hill, £7,500 ; Lockhart to Clear Hills, £40,000 ; Cowra to Canowindra, £12,000 ; Kyogle to Casino, £1,500 ; Cooma to Bombala (towards), £25,000 ; Tramways—Tramways generally, £10,000 ; Water Supplies—Country Towns Water Supplies, £15,000 ; Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, £25,000 ; Miscellaneous—New Public Abattoir at Homebush Point, £20,000 ; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes, £60,000 ; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, Land, Buildings, &c., and for other purposes, £45,000 ; and

£143,000 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes for the following Services, viz. :—

£20,000 for Colonial Secretary—Police Buildings—Erections, Additions, and Cost of Land ;

£20,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, viz.,—Resumed Properties Branch—Erection of Shops and Buildings, £5,000 ; Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes, £15,000 ;

£103,000 for Secretary for Public Works, viz.,—Roads, £2,000 ; Bridges, £6,000 ; Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £1,000 ; Public Watering Places, Artesian Bores, Water Conservation, Water Supplies, and Drainage, £3,000 ; Harbours and Rivers—Dredge Service in connection with Permanent Improvements of Harbours and Rivers, £4,000 ; Public Buildings, £22,000 ; Dock Establishment, £7,000 ; Grant under section 5 of Public Works Fund Act to Shires and Municipalities, £13,000 ; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works generally, Lining and Strengthening Upper Canal, also to recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled, £40,000 ; Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—To enable the Board to carry out Sewerage connections on the deferred payment system—the amount to be carried to Special Deposits Account (Deferred Payments Account), £5,000.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read.—on motion of Mr. 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 1910–1911, the sum of £5,315,060 be granted, viz., £5,172,060 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and £143,000 out of the Public Works Fund.

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

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS 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 towards the Services of the year 1910–1911, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intitled “ *A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1910–1911, and out of the Public Works Fund ; 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 towards the Services of the year 1910–1911, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*.”

Question put and passed.

Ordered

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1910-1911, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910, a.m.*

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION 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 promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th July, 1910.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President

## CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th July, 1910.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, lines 10 and 11. *Omit "not being land within a city or town"*  
 Page 2, clause 4, line 22. *After "lands" insert "fairly provide for and"*  
 Page 2, clause 4, line 28. *Omit "joint"*  
 Page 2, clause 5, line 32. *Omit "prescribed period" insert "expiration of such period as may be prescribed by regulation"*  
 Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *Omit "to less than five"*  
 Page 3, clause 8, line 23. *After "shall" insert "subject to the Minister's power to postpone payments in accordance with the said section"*  
 Page 3, clause 9, line 37. *After "reached" insert "or the Commissioners have no money available for loan under this Act"*  
 Page 3, clause 9. *Transpose subclause (2) to follow subclause (3).*  
 Page 4, clause 9, line 1. *After "money" insert "advanced by the Bank and"*  
 Page 4, clause 9, line 11. *After "and" insert "in the latter event"*  
 Page 4, clause 13, line 33. *After "necessary" insert "to set aside"*  
 Page 5, clause 15. *At end of clause add "And in the event of sale after forfeiture or foreclosure as hereinafter provided, the value of such improvements shall be determined by the Commissioners, and from the proceeds of such sale the Commissioners shall pass to the credit of the Advance Department of the Bank such sum (not exceeding the amount owing) as may be represented by the value of the improvements."*  
 Page 5, clause 16, line 33. *After "shall" insert "after the repayment of moneys advanced on improvements as provided by section fifteen of this Act"*

Examined—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

9. SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops, and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops; and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910, a.m.*

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Seven o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 JULY, 1910.

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

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

- (1.) City Bank of Sydney Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 23.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the City Bank 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910.*

- (2.) Bank of New South Wales Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 24.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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 July, 1910.*

- (3.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 25.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Australian Mutual Provident Society ; and to amend 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910.*

- (4.) Railway Service Superannuation Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 26.

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 provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services ; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service and the Government Railways Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910.*

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

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## (5.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 27.

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 Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910.

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

## 2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public School, Lower Bucca :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister of Public Instruction, —

- (1.) Is it a fact that the public school at Lower Bucca has been closed for some time?
- (2.) How long has this school been without a teacher in charge?
- (3.) Is it proposed to supply a teacher; and, if so, when?

Mr. Hogue answered, —

- (1 and 2.) In March last the teacher was withdrawn on account of small attendance.
- (3.) It is proposed to reopen this school next month, as a half-time school, in conjunction with one at Tallawadga.

(2.) Public School, Dorrigo :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister of Public Instruction, —

- (1.) What is the total enrolment of pupils at Dorrigo Public School?
- (2.) What is the average daily attendance for the last quarter?
- (3.) How many teachers are engaged regularly at this school?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the staff has for some time consisted of only two teachers; and, if so, why?
- (5.) Will another teacher be appointed to the staff?

Mr. Hogue answered, —

- (1.) 128.
- (2.) 81.9.
- (3.) Three.
- (4 and 5.) During part of this month the staff consisted of two teachers, owing to an assistant resigning without giving proper notice. On the 12th July, a third teacher was appointed.

(3.) Connection between Sydney and North Sydney :—*Mr. McLaurin*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer, —

- (1.) Is it a fact that, during the storm on the 18th July last, several narrow escapes from collision occurred to the ferry services between Sydney and North Sydney?
- (2.) Is it a fact that considerable delays and inconvenience to passengers by rail and tram resulted from the difficulties encountered by steamers engaged in this traffic?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, in one instance, the journey between Sydney and North Sydney occupied over one hour?
- (4.) Will steps be taken by the Government to provide for a more adequate connection to meet the requirements and convenience of the northern portion of the Harbour?

Mr. Waddell answered, —

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) I am informed that some delays occurred, but not more than might reasonably have been expected under the extraordinary circumstances.
- (3.) I am not aware.
- (4.) The Government took steps last year to refer to the Public Works Committee the proposal to connect Sydney with the northern portion of the Harbour by tunnel, and until the Committee has reported, the Government is unable to do anything more in the matter.

(4.) Punishments imposed upon Locomotive Running Staff :—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer, —

- (1.) What number of punishments (including fines, reprimands, and cautions) were imposed upon the Locomotive Running Staff of the Metropolitan District, during January to December of the following years—1907, 1908, and 1909, respectively?
- (2.) What was the cost per mile of locomotive running expenses in this district for the same years?

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

(5.) Wages of Carpenters employed by Government :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Secretary for Public Works, —

- (1.) Is it a fact that a recent Wages Board decision has ordered that carpenters and joiners be paid 11s. per day of eight hours?
- (2.) How many carpenters are employed by his Department?
- (3.) Are all these being paid according to the terms of the Award?
- (4.) If not, why not?

Mr. Lee answered, —

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Approximately, seventy.
- (3 and 4.) Yes.

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(6.) Wages of Carpenters employed on the Railways :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a recent Wages Board decision has fixed the wages of carpenters at 11s. per day of eight hours?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Government Railways Act states that employees of the Chief Railway Commissioner must receive the same rates of pay as are ruling outside the service?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Chief Railway Commissioner has refused to pay his carpenters in accordance with the Award?
- (4.) Will he give instructions that no servant of the State shall break the Awards given by Wages Boards?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) The Award referred to does not apply to the Railway Service; but the rate has been extended to carpenters, employed on duplication works, who do not receive the privilege of permanent staff men.
- (2.) No.
- (3 and 4.) The wages, hours, and conditions of employment of carpenters in the Railway Service will be regulated by the Award of the Permanent Way Board, which is now sitting to deal with claims submitted on behalf of carpenters and other employees.

(7.) Operation of Factories and Shops Act :—*Mr. McLaurin* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he state in what districts in this State the Factories and Shops Act is in operation?
- (2.) From what dates was it extended, and at whose request in each case?
- (3.) Have representations been made for extension to any other districts, or have any deputations urged such extension upon him?
- (4.) If so, by whom, and when were the deputations (if any) introduced?
- (5.) Has any sitting Member of the Legislative Assembly approached him regarding the extension of this Act to any district in the State?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Metropolitan District, 1st February, 1897; Newcastle District, 6th February, 1899; these districts, being recognised as the two most important industrial centres in the State, were proclaimed from the dates mentioned. Broken Hill District, 1st March, 1903; a request was first made by the Municipal Council and afterwards by *Mr. Cann*, M.L.A. Hartley District, 1st August, 1904; this being an important manufacturing centre was proclaimed a factory district in terms of the Act; two fatal accidents previously occurred at a large works in the district and the jury added a rider to the verdict in each case to the effect that some steps should be taken for the protection and safety of workmen. Goulburn District, 1st May, 1907; representations were made by a deputation from the Trades and Labour Council, introduced by *Mr. G. A. Jones*, M.L.A. Albury District, 1st November, 1909; *Mr. McLaurin*, M.L.A.
- (3, 4, and 5.) I am not aware that representations have been made in regard to other districts.

(8.) Forestry Department Inquiry :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—  
Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers connected with the inquiry by the Public Service Board last year into matters concerning the Forestry Department?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—I have no objection to do so.

(9.) Invalidity Pensioners while Inmates of Charitable Institutions :—*Colonel Onslow* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, on an invalid pensioner being admitted to the Ryde Home for Incurables, payment of the pension granted to him or her is stopped?
- (2.) If so, is there any reason why the pension should not be continued to enable the pensioner to defray some of the expenses otherwise incurred for him or her by private charity?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) On notification of a pensioner's admission, further payment of pension is suspended, and is resumed as from the date of pensioner's discharge.
- (2.) Section 10 of the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act specifies that:—"No person who is an inmate of a charitable institution shall receive any payment for any period during which he is an inmate of such institution on account of any pension certificate issued to him under this Act and current at the time he was so admitted."

(10.) Ryde Home for Incurables :—*Colonel Onslow* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Ryde Home for Incurables an unsectarian institution?
- (2.) Does it admit patients sent to it by the Government?
- (3.) Does it receive any Government subsidy?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; I understand it is controlled by a mixed body of charitably disposed persons.
- (2.) Patients have not been sent by the Government. The Department of Public Health has, however, advised certain persons to go there.
- (3.) No. A grant of £600 was made to the institution in 1908 towards the purchase of the property.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—*Mr. Ball*, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Railway, Muswellbrook to Merriwa* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan relating to the proposed Railway from Muswellbrook to Merriwa.

(2.)

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(2.) *Goods Railway, Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island.

(3.) *Harbour Works at the Entrance to the Manning River*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed completion of Harbour Works at the Entrance to the Manning River.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Statement respecting Pension Payments, &c., required by section 48 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. NORTH SYDNEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the North Sydney Electric Lighting 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 next.

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

- (1.) Royal Navy Recreation Ground Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in trust for a recreation ground for the Royal Navy, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a first time.

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

- (2.) Loan (Railways) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, Mr. Carmichael, 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 exclusion of the Clerks from the Schedule of the Industrial Disputes Act."

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

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Wood submitted that this motion was out of order, on the ground that during the Session—in fact, at the previous sitting in Committee of Supply—the Honorable Member for Leichhardt had had the fullest opportunity of discussing this question, and admitted it, though he had not taken advantage of that opportunity; and contended that, under such circumstances, Mr. Speaker should use his discretion to take the question of urgency into consideration, and, on the practice of the British House of Commons, rule this motion out of order.

Mr. Speaker said, on these motions of adjournment the House itself decides the question of urgency, and he had to decide their definiteness. It seemed rather unaccountable why the Honorable Member, having had the opportunity last night, did not discuss this matter; but he thought it would be stretching the Standing Order rather too far to rule this motion out of order on that account.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker having ordered the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. Nielsen, to discontinue his speech,—

And Mr. Nielsen requiring that the Question, whether he be further heard, be put,—

Question,—That the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. Nielsen, be further heard,—put and passed.

Mr. Nielsen then continued his speech.

Debate continued.

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

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

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

28th July, 1910.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Fell,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Latimer,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Taylor,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. John Storey,	
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 thirty Members,"—

And Mr. Carmichael having spoken in reply,—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Nielsen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
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Mr. Moore,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Fell.
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Moxham,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND 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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1910-1911, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 28th July, 1910

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

10. RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL :—

The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services ; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service, and the Government Railways Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved,* That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide superannuation allowance and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services ; to amend the Acts regulating and Public Service, and the Government Railways Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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



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(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service, and the Government Railways Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 JULY, 1910, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1910.

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 the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

By Mr. Wade,—

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

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1910-1911, and out of the Public Works Fund; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th July, 1910.

By Mr. Wood,—

- (2.) Fire Brigades Amendment Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 29.

By Deputation from His Excellency the 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 Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd August, 1910.

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

- (3.) Fisheries (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 30.

By Deputation from His Excellency the 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 Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Net Fishing (Port Hacking) Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd August, 1910.

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

2nd August, 1910.

## 2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Barbigal Estate, Dubbo District :—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Barbigal Estate in the Dubbo District was offered to the Government for closer settlement at £3 6s. 3d. per acre?
  - (2.) Did the Western Advisory Board strongly recommend the resumption of this estate at the price named?
  - (3.) Did the Government refuse to take this estate recommended by their Advisory Board, and for what reason?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that this estate was recently sold to a private purchaser at a price in advance of that at which it was offered to the Government, and which the Board recommended should be accepted?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Advisory Board recommended acceptance of the offer, to avoid an appeal.
- (3.) Taking into consideration all the circumstances the Government decided not to accept the offer.
- (4.) I have no information on the subject.

- (2.) Coal obtained by Government during late Strike :—Mr. Estell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the quantity of coal bought by the Government during the currency of the late coal strike from collieries where contracts had previously existed?
  - (2.) What was the amount of coal imported from foreign countries, and the amount paid for same?
  - (3.) What was the amount of coal obtained from Young Wallsend and Ebbw Main collieries, and prices paid for same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As I informed the Honorable Gentleman before, this information must be moved for in the shape of a return.

- (3.) Muswellbrook—Merriwa Railway :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Ashford, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that the Report of the Public Works Committee has been laid upon the Table of this House, in connection with the Muswellbrook—Merriwa Railway, will he bring in a Bill to carry out the work at once?

Mr. Lee answered,—Notice will be given to-day.

- (4.) Temporary Employees in the Public Service :—Mr. E. M. Clark, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the report of the Public Service Association in regard to the increase of temporary employment in the Public Service?
  - (2.) Did he, at the opening of the Public Service Conference in April, 1909, ask for a recommendation of the Public Service Association, and what action has been taken towards carrying it out?
  - (3.) Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session for the purpose of placing upon the permanent staff those members of the temporary staff who have for two years or upwards been employed upon work of a permanent nature?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the remarks made by me on this subject, on Thursday evening last, on motion for the introduction of the Public Service (Amendment) Bill.

- (5.) Tabratong Cancelled Improvement Lease :—Mr. Trefé asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at a determination in regard to making the Tabratong forfeited improvement lease available for settlement?

Mr. Moore answered,—The question as to the best method of disposal of the area referred to, recently formed the subject of inquiry and report by the Local Land Board, and subsequently it was decided to obtain a report from an expert officer of the Department of Agriculture as to the suitability of the land for agricultural purposes. A final decision as to method of disposal has not yet been arrived at.

- (6.) Puisne and District Court Judges :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Kearsley, asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) By what authority are Puisne Judges and District Court Judges appointed?
  - (2.) For what period are they appointed?
  - (3.) By what power and on what grounds may their appointment be cancelled?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.
- (2.) (a) Puisne Judges, during good behaviour; (b) District Court Judges, during ability and good behaviour.
- (3.) A Puisne Judge may be removed by His Majesty upon the Address of both Houses of the Legislature. A District Court Judge may be removed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, subject to the provisions of the District Courts Act, 1901.

- (7.) Newcastle Tramways :—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state if the cost of electrifying the tramways of Newcastle and district is included in the amount voted in the Supply Bill on the 27th July, 1910?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No.

2nd August, 1910.

(8.) Suburban Railway Fares:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the suburban railway passenger traffic has increased of late years, and that the system is returning a handsome profit; if so, will he confer with the Chief Railway Commissioner as to the practicability of a reduction in fares?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The cost of working the suburban traffic is not kept separately, but when some years ago the earnings and expenditure were worked out as near as possible, it was ascertained that the return on capital invested on the Main Suburban Line between Sydney and Granville amounted to 3·42 per cent.; but on the Sydney—Hurstville Line there was a loss of £5,449. Since then the earnings have largely increased, but as the expenditure also increased considerably, it cannot be said that the system is returning a handsome profit, it may be assumed that the net earnings cover the working expenses and interest on the capital invested. The question of reducing the fares has already had the attention of the Chief Commissioner, and in 1907 substantial reductions were made in the season ticket and workmen's ticket rates.

(9.) Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway:—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the traffic between Sutherland and Cronulla is congested; if so, will he expedite the opening of the tramway now under construction?

(2.) Will he state when the tramway is expected to be available for traffic?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I am not aware; but every effort will be made to expedite the completion of the tramway.

(2.) About the end of this year.

(10.) Wambool Railway Station:—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What were the gross takings at the Wambool Railway Station for the last twelve months?

Mr. Waddell answered,—£967 6s. 6d.

(11.) School Buildings, Glanmire, near Bathurst:—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have the school buildings at Glanmire, near Bathurst, been sold?

(2.) If so, what amount was paid?

(3.) Who was the purchaser?

(4.) What did the land and buildings originally cost?

(5.) How long have the buildings been erected?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) No; but as they were unoccupied and liable to damage they have recently been leased, conditionally upon their being kept in repair by the tenant.

(4.) The land was a gift; the buildings cost £1,445.

(5.) Since 1883.

(12.) Royal Commission on Railway Decentralisation:—Mr. Carmichael, for Mr. Ashford, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the proposed Decentralisation Scheme taken steps to make inquiries *re* Port Stephens?

(2.) Will they be instructed to make full inquiries?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) I cannot say.

(2.) The Royal Commission has been entrusted with the duty of inquiring and reporting as to the terminal points inland and on the sea coast which should be connected by rail in order to effect decentralisation in railway transit. It is assumed that the gentlemen constituting the Royal Commission will discharge that duty fully and effectively.

(13.) Hours of Duty of Police, Murray District:—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did a Progress Association in the Murray Police District inform the Inspector-General of Police that a mounted constable had been on continuous duty for eighteen hours per day for a period of over four weeks, having to do his own duty as well as the duty of another constable who was away on leave?

(2.) Is it a fact that the constable now works fourteen hours per day?

(3.) Did the constable have his own duty to perform, as well as that of a foot constable's, while the foot man was away at Broken Hill and Newcastle strikes, for a period of six months?

(4.) Will he ascertain whether the mounted constable was working sixteen hours a day?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Officer in Charge of Police has all his time taken up as Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, and that the whole district has to be patrolled and all statistics collected by this constable?

(6.) Will he obtain a report as to the amount of duty the constable has to do from the Officer in Charge of Police, and also from the other police on that station?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information:—

(1.) No; but the letter stated that he had been on duty for fifteen or sixteen hours a day.

(2.) No.

(3.) The duty done by three constables was performed by two during the absence of police on strike duty. At such a place the work is by no means arduous. Police at all stations have, at times, under such circumstances, to do a little extra work if necessary in the public interest.

(4.) See reply to No. 2.

(5.) No, the constable has only to perform a fair proportion of the work. The sergeant holds eleven extraneous appointments, including that of Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar.

(6.) Reports have been called for.

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- (14.) Treatment of Prisoners awaiting Trial :—Mr. Holman asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that men awaiting their trial at Darlinghurst Gaol are placed among hardened criminals with whom they are compelled to associate during their temporary incarceration?
  - (2.) If so, will he take steps to secure men awaiting trial from possible contamination with long-sentenced criminals?
  - (3.) Will he take steps generally to have inquiry made into the conditions and treatment of those prisoners awaiting trial who have been unable to secure bail?
- Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, informs me as follows :—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) Persons awaiting trial are not associated in any way with prisoners undergoing sentence.
  - (3.) The question of altering the regulations affecting the treatment of persons under examination and awaiting trial is already under consideration.
- (15.) Eveleigh Railway Yards—Clyde Station :—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What has been the total sum paid for new buildings and machinery erected at the Eveleigh yards for the past five years ending 30th June, 1910?
  - (2.) What were the earnings of Clyde Station from 1st June, 1904, to 30th June, 1905?
  - (3.) What were the earnings of Clyde Station from 1st June, 1909, to 30th June, 1910?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) Buildings, £20,917; machinery, £73,485.
  - (2.) £23,956 15s. 11d.
  - (3.) £58,680 19s. 10d.
3. PAPERS :—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations Nos. 222 to 228, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
  - (2.) Regulation No. 206, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
  - (3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Station Officers' Residences on the Great Northern Railway at Kankool.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Macken Estate Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Camperdown, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, 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 the regulations under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908, 53 and 53A, are contrary to the spirit of the said Act, and will create a dangerous precedent if put into force.”
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
- And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order, adopted on Wednesday, 20th July, 1910.*
6. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1910.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Royal Commission on Railway Decentralisation :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Premier,—  
(1.) Has the Royal Commission on Decentralisation any programme arranged for visiting various centres ?

(2.) If so, will he make it public, in order that districts interested may have their evidence in readiness for the Commission ?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—I am informed that the Royal Commission is making a preliminary inspection, but has not yet arranged any programme for visiting centres for the purpose of taking evidence. When it has done so, due notice will be given. It is, however, open to residents of any locality to communicate with the Commission, with a view to its visiting that locality.

- (2.) Enrolment of Electors :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Treflé*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he issue instructions to the Registrars for the various Electorates to enrol all applicants lodging claims for enrolment as Electors of the State of New South Wales in all cases where such claims are witnessed by reputable witnesses, and where the police have no evidence to show why such applications should be rejected ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—In the present state of the law, the duties of Registrars in this connection are prescribed by section 26 (2) of Act 41, 1906, which provides that, if the claim is in order, the Registrar receiving the claim shall, pursuant thereto, enter the claimant's name and the particulars relating to him on the Roll, and shall file the claim ; but before entering the name on the Roll, he shall, unless he thinks such course unnecessary, refer the claim to the officer in charge of the police within the district.

- (3.) Payment of Subvention to Friendly Societies :—*Mr. Carmichael* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) What Friendly Societies have received their subvention for the year ended 1909 ?  
(2.) What are the amounts paid to such Societies ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—Claims have been paid as follows :—N. S. W. Harbours and Rivers Provident Fund, £1 12s. 6d. ; St. Patrick's Catholic Guild of Singleton, £5 19s. 7d. ; Independent Order of Rechabites, £132 11s. 7d. ; Court Waradgery, No. 4,852, Ancient Order of Foresters, £3 6s. 5d. ; Court Hunter, No. 4,583, Ancient Order of Foresters, £2 16s. 3d. ; Sydney District, Ancient Order of Foresters, £718 18s. 8d. ; total, £865 5s.

- (4.) Sick Leave of Police in Country Districts :—*Mr. Dooley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that the police in country districts are compelled to undergo medical examination before they can obtain sick leave ?  
(2.) Are they compelled to pay doctors' fees ; and, if so, what amount ?  
(3.) Does the Department remit the fees or any portion of them to the police ; and, if not, will he consider whether this can be done ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—

(1.) Police applying for leave of absence owing to sickness usually produce a medical certificate, the same as all other public servants.

(2.) They pay the cost of certificate.

(3.) No. Such concession is purely a matter of convenience to the person concerned, who receives full pay for a considerable time during his absence on leave.

(5.)

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- (5.) Lighting of Sydney Harbour :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to leading newspaper articles condemning the present system of lighting Sydney Harbour for navigation?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that this system is obsolete and out of date for harbours of the pretention and importance of Sydney?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that the present method does not ensure definition of important channels by day or night, and that it has been represented as dangerous to life and shipping property?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that these dangers are aggravated by increased traffic, and that the present scheme of the Sydney Harbour Trust has been represented as inadequate to remedy present alleged dangers?
  - (5.) Is it a fact that there is a dual authority of the Board of Navigation and Harbour Trust in this matter, and will he appoint a Committee of Inquiry or, if necessary, a Commission as far as possible outside these bodies to report upon the best means of lighting the Harbour for safe navigation?
  - (6.) How many collisions have been reported or inquired into by a Marine Court or Navigation Board since 1900 to date?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table replies to these Questions in the form of a return.

- (6.) Neutral Bay Public School :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be accepted for the necessary alterations to the Neutral Bay Public School?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—A tender was accepted on 25th July last.

- (7.) Trucks for Coff's Harbour Jetty :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a supply of trucks for use on Coff's Harbour Jetty were promised more than a year ago?
  - (2.) Have any of these trucks been supplied; if not, when will they be available for use?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that the present means of shipping goods at this jetty are inconvenient, and annoying to shippers?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) A supply of trucks was promised, and, in pursuance thereof, three trucks have been supplied, and four more will be sent within the course of a few days.
- (3.) I am not aware that this is a fact, but every effort is being made to meet the convenience of the increasing trade. The expenditure to 30th June on Coff's Harbour jetty, shed, and approaches was £22,000, and the estimated expenditure for this financial year is £4,600.

- (8.) Crane on Coff's Harbour Jetty :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the cost of erecting the five-ton crane at the inner end of Coff's Harbour Jetty?
  - (2.) What is the principal use to which the crane is put?
  - (3.) What charge is levied per hour for the use of the crane?
  - (4.) Was the charge increased 100 per cent. some time ago in spite of representations to the effect that even the original charge was too heavy?
  - (5.) During how many hours, upon an average, is the crane in use per week?
  - (6.) How much of this is charged as overtime?
  - (7.) Is it proposed to make any inquiry, or to take any action with regard to the present charges, against which protests have been made?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) The cost cannot be readily given; it was included in a contract covering a variety of works.
- (2.) Loading timber on trucks.
- (3.) Five shillings, which includes service of driver, fuel, oil, &c.
- (4.) No; the wharfinger fixed a rate without authority; the only rate ever authorised was 5s. per hour.
- (5 and 6.) During May and June the crane was worked for forty-seven hours, and overtime was paid for sixteen hours to one hand in terms of the Public Service Regulations.
- (7.) I am at present looking into the whole matter with a view of ascertaining whether any reduction should be made.

- (9.) Bridge over South Arm, Bellinger River :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the question of what kind of bridge shall be erected over the South Arm of the Bellinger River yet been decided; and, if so, what is the decision?
  - (2.) Is it proposed to proceed with the work immediately the question of the North Coast Railway route has been settled?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The work will be put in hand as soon as the survey has been completed and the necessary plans and specifications prepared.

- (10.) Licenses under Theatres and Public Halls Act :—*Mr. Minahan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many licenses have been issued for picture shows and other places of entertainment in the county of Cumberland?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—In the county of Cumberland 118 licenses have been issued under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908, in respect to theatres and halls, and fifty licenses in respect to temporary structures.

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- (11.) Breaches of Musicians Award at Picture Shows :—Mr. Minahan asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been made to the Department that the Award of the Musicians Board is being ignored in 90 per cent. of places of entertainment where picture shows are given in the county of Cumberland?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that married men, with the responsibility of families to maintain, have been discharged from these places of entertainment, and replaced by children?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that, owing to the congestion of the Industrial Court, it is impossible to get a hearing of any penalty summonses for months?
  - (4.) Will he take prompt action in the interests of musicians and the children employed in licensed places of entertainment?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Complaint has been made generally that the picture shows are not observing the Award of the Musicians Board.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3 and 4.) The amending Industrial Disputes Bill now before the House contains provisions which will relieve the congestion of business to which the Honorable Member alludes.

- (12.) Inspectors under Industrial Disputes Act :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Cochran, asked the Premier,—  
Has he received information from the Registrar of the Industrial Court that, owing to insufficiency of Inspectors, he is unable to investigate breaches of Awards in the Northern District of the State; and is it contemplated that further Inspectors be appointed, and when?

Mr. Wade answered,—A recommendation has already been made to the Public Service Board for the appointment of additional Inspectors at both Sydney and Newcastle.

- (13.) Departmental Railway Passes :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Chief Railway Commissioner issued the following notice to his employees :—Every employee who has been employed for six months or more shall be entitled to—(a) a pass for himself, his wife, and his children up to the number of three, and, being under 18 years of age, during the period of his annual leave; (b) a pass for himself and his wife over the railways of any State in the Commonwealth once a year; (c) four privilege passes during the year, which may be used by his wife; (d) a season ticket at half the ordinary rate from the station nearest his work; (e) if employed in the country, a pass once a month for himself, or his wife, or housekeeper, to and from the nearest town, and to the free carriage of 2 cwt. of goods?
- (2.) Are all the employees at the Alexandria Workshops, Existing Lines Branch, entitled to these privileges; if not, will he please explain why?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; being only casually employed in connection with deviation and duplication works, they are not entitled to the privileges.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Water Supply from Nymboida River for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply from the Nymboida River for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton.
- (2.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury.
- (3.) *Railway, Hermidale to Nymagee* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Lighting of Sydney Harbour for Navigation.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Forms Nos. 97 and 151, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (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.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wesley College Incorporation Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.

5. CLERKS MINIMUM WAGE BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

6. FIRE BRIGADES AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Wade, on behalf of Mr. Wood, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.



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7. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendmen's.

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

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

8. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 3rd August, 1910.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 5. After "or" second occurring, insert "the"

Page 2, clause 3, line 6. Omit "of the Industrial Court"

Page 2, clause 3, line 7. After "sessions" insert "and for the purposes of this section the Registrar may do alone whatever may be done by two or more justices sitting in petty sessions"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 14 and 15. Omit "who shall give the parties notice of the day and place of hearing" insert "or with the Registrar, and notice of the day and place of hearing shall be given to the parties by the clerk of such petty sessions or by the Registrar"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at three minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1910.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Grant to Bundarra Cottage Hospital:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Gus. Miller, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount of money was recently granted to the Bundarra Cottage Hospital?  
 (2.) What was the amount applied for, and by whom was such application made?  
 (3.) Will he treat other country hospitals as he has treated Bundarra?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1 and 2.) Application was made by the Honorary Secretary, through the Member for the District, for a special grant towards construction of the proposed Hospital. It was asked that an amount be granted to make up the balance required to complete the buildings. This was at first estimated at about £300; but it was found that, in order to comply with the Health Department's requirements, viz., to provide an isolation ward, a grant of £500 would be required, and I approved of such grant being made.

- (3.) Each case is dealt with on its merits.

- (2.) Sir John Coode's Reports on Harbour Improvement Proposals:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total amount paid to Sir John Coode for the reports and plans he prepared in connection with the various harbour improvement proposals along the coast of New South Wales?

Mr. Lee answered,—As this will take some time to prepare, the information will be submitted at an early date.

- (3.) Secretary to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Did he, in answering the Questions asked by the Honorable Member for Raleigh on Thursday, 21st July, concerning the terms and conditions upon which the Secretaryship to the Public Works Committee was offered to any applicants for the position, give the full information?  
 (2.) If not, will he now supply the desired information fully?  
 (3.) Is it a fact, as stated by the Chairman of the Public Works Committee in the *Daily Telegraph* of 28th July, that Mr. Blenkin, of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, was offered the position on the condition that he also carried out the duties of Shorthand-writer to the Committee in connection with their investigations in the country?  
 (4.) Have the shorthand-writing duties been carried out since the institution of the Committee by the Parliamentary Reporting Staff?  
 (5.) Was the Parliamentary Reporting Staff increased in number twenty-one years ago to enable it to cope with the Committee's work?  
 (6.) Have members of the Committee pointed out to the Premier, President, and Mr. Speaker, that the nature and extent of the Secretary's duties render it impossible for the positions of Secretary and Shorthand-writer to be combined?  
 (7.) Will he cause all letters and papers dealing with the subject to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1 and 2.) It is considered that sufficiently full information was furnished to answer the Questions asked by the Honorable Member.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes, with the exception of last Session when the illness of the late Secretary necessitated altered arrangements. The work of the Secretary in the country is usually light. I see no reason why he should not take the evidence in shorthand himself and so avoid needless expense.

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- (5.) I am informed that, soon after the Public Works Committee was created, two shorthand-writers were added to the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, and that subsequently, when the Committee fell into abeyance for a period, one member of the Reporting Staff was retired, but when the Committee was reappointed there was no corresponding appointment to the Reporting Staff.
- (6.) Representations by the Acting-Secretary to this effect have been brought to my notice by Mr. Speaker and the President of the Legislative Council.
- (7.) If moved for in the usual way.
- (4.) Application of James Piggott for Additional Holdings, Nambucca:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) With reference to applications on behalf of James Piggott and others for additional holdings in the parish of Nambucca, will he say what has been done with regard to the papers "Misc. 10-11,040"?
- (2.) When did these men first apply for additional areas to be made available?
- (3.) How much land has each of the applicants at present?
- (4.) What has been the cause of the delay?
- (5.) When will the lands designed for original holdings in the parish of Nambucca be made available?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) The correspondence quoted referred to lands within Forest Reserve No. 28,618. It formed the subject of a report by the Forestry Board, and, as a result, so far 395 acres were set apart for additional holdings on 13th July, 1910, to become available 15th September, 1910. The Honorable Member was duly informed on 13th July, 1910.
- (2.) Applications were received through the Honorable Member in 1907 and 1908.
- (3.) James Piggott, 40 acres; John Jones, 40 acres; Jacob Goldsmith, 62 acres; James Love, 80 acres; William Love, 50 acres.
- (4.) Survey was approved on 1st May, 1908, instructions for same were issued on 13th May, 1908, and completed in April, 1909, but further action had to await a necessary road survey.
- (5.) Date cannot be stated, but instructions for survey are with a surveyor who has been requested to expedite action.
- (5.) Registration of Clergymen for Celebration of Marriages:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a clergyman resident in Victoria, but visiting this State, is not permitted to celebrate marriages in New South Wales?
- (2.) Is there any provision by which temporary registration can be obtained in special cases?
- (3.) Will he consider the question of having laws pertaining to marriage uniform throughout the Commonwealth?
- Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following replies:—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) This question is one for the consideration of the Commonwealth Government.
- (6.) Royal Commission on Railway Decentralisation:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is the Royal Commission upon Railway Decentralisation limited in the scope of its inquiry, or in the period of the inquiry; if so, to what extent?
- (2.) Will he see that ample time is given for the thorough inspection of districts where necessary, and the collection of evidence?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) The Royal Commission is not limited as regards the scope of its inquiry. The authority issued to the gentlemen constituting the Commission empowers them to inquire and report as to the terminal points inland and on the sea coast which should be connected by rail, and generally to advise as to the best means of giving effect to the determination of the Government that decentralisation in railway transit is essential in order to adequately deal with the growing traffic of the State. The Royal Commission has been granted three months within which to discharge its duties, but this period may be extended if considered desirable.
- (2.) Yes.
- (7.) Composing Branch, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When will the vacancies in the Composing Branch, Government Printing Office, created by the retirement of the late Superintendent on 30th June last, be filled?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay in filling these positions?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The Superintendent is on twelve months' leave of absence, prior to retirement, and an Acting-Superintendent has been appointed. The Public Service Board inform me that the question of making any consequential promotions will have consideration as soon as possible, but a number of officers have to be considered, and the matter will necessarily take some little time to adjust with other promotions.
- (8.) Wages of Farrier, Newington Asylum:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Cochran, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the farrier employed at Newington Asylum does not receive the rate of wages specified by the Farriers (Metropolitan) Award, viz., £3 per week?
- (2.) Will he give instructions that the Award be observed, and that the difference in wages withheld be paid?

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Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) The temporary officer employed at Newington Asylum as blacksmith and farrier receives a salary of £146 per annum. In addition to public holidays he is allowed three weeks' annual leave on full pay. He is also entitled to fourteen days' sick leave a year on pay under Public Service Act Regulations.

(2.) The case is now under consideration.

(9.) Public Service Examination Fees:—Mr. Minahan asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board requires fees of ten shillings and upwards from candidates for employment in the Government Service where an entrance examination is required?

(2.) Has it been represented that such fees act as a deterrent in many instances, and that eligible youths in humble circumstances cannot afford to pay the fees, in addition to the loss of, perhaps, three days during examinations?

(3.) What fees, in addition to their salaries, are paid to the Government officers who conduct such examinations?

(4.) Have any fees been paid to Mr. R. F. Irvine, Examiner to the Public Service Board, for year ended 30th June, 1910; if so, what amount, and what is his salary?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The maximum fee, which is prescribed by section 27, subsection (1) (c), Public Service Act, 1902, is ten shillings. For minor positions, lower fees are charged.

(2.) No such representations can be traced, nor is it thought that the fee acts as a deterrent to *bonâ fide* candidates.

(3.) Fees are paid to officers who assist in the conduct of examinations, varying according to the nature of the examination, and ranging from £2 2s. to £5 5s. for setting a paper, and from 3d. to 1s. 2d. for each paper marked. Examination work is an addition to officers' ordinary duties, and cannot be performed in office hours.

(4.) Yes; fees amounting to £17 13s. 4d. Mr. Irvine is paid fees in connection with one examination only, *i.e.*, that for admission to the Public Service as Junior Clerks and Cadet Draftsmen, in which connection he acts as a member of the Board of Examiners, and performs the work outside office hours. His salary as Examiner and Inspecting Officer to the Board is £500 per annum.

(10.) Land for Settlement, Tweed River:—Mr. Minahan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some blocks of land on the Tweed River at Chouan are being made available for settlement?

(2.) Are some being opened for conditional purchase lease, and some for special lease by tender?

(3.) If so, why is the distinction being made?

(4.) Will he explain how it is possible for farmers to compete by tender with large landholders for the special lease blocks?

Mr. Moore answered,—Assuming that the land referred to is that at Chinderah, an area of 507 acres, in thirteen portions, has been surveyed with a view to disposal by way of special area conditional purchases, not by conditional purchase lease or special lease. I would like to say that if this is not the area which the Honorable Member refers to, I will be glad if he would give me further particulars, so that I may obtain the information he desires.

I would like to say further that Question 4 shows that the Honorable Member is evidently under some misconception. He asks me to explain how it is possible for farmers to compete by tender with large landholders for special lease blocks. No doubt some of the Honorable Member's colleagues could answer that question for him, but I take this opportunity of answering it publicly. Lands are being continually offered by tender as special leases, and the object is to enable me to see, as far as it is possible to determine the question, that the lands get into the hands of those most in need of it. I will hand the paper I hold in my hands to the Honorable Member. It is a typical copy of the conditions we attach to these tenders. One is that "The Minister reserves the right to refer the whole or any of the tenders to the Local Land Board for a report for his guidance in selecting the applicant whose tender should be accepted. The Minister reserves the right to accept or to refuse any tender. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. A tender from any person holding no land or an insufficient area will receive preferential consideration." I wish to add that those persons always do receive preferential consideration.

(11.) Wife Desertion:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many cases of wife desertion were reported to the police during the year 1909, and with what result?

Mr. Wood answered,—The information required will take some considerable time to collect. I would suggest that it be moved for in the form of a return.

(12.) Convictions for Drunkenness:—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General,—How many convictions for offences in which drunkenness is a necessary ingredient were secured in the various Courts of New South Wales,—(a) in 1907, (b) in 1908, (c) in 1909?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the Returns showing the number of convictions in which drunkenness formed part of the charge, which have been laid upon the Table of this House annually, in accordance with Order dated 17th March, 1892. The Return for 1909 was tabled on 28th June last.

(13.) Analysis of Liquor:—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) How many samples of liquor were taken by licensing inspectors for analysis from hotels,—(a) in the Metropolitan Licensing District, and (b) outside the Metropolitan Licensing District, during the year 1909?

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- (2.) In how many cases were the samples found to contain anything deleterious or injurious\*to health?
- (3.) Are samples of liquor now taken under the Pure Food Act, 1908?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) (a) 302; (b) 306.
- (2.) None.
- (3.) Yes.
- (14.) Hotel and Club Licenses :—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General,—Will he furnish to this House a return showing the number of hotel licenses and club licenses now in force in each of the Electorates in the State?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Yes.
- (15.) Lock-up Gaols :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many lock-up gaols were abolished during the year 1909, and the names thereof?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Twenty-two. I will have their names forwarded to the Honorable Member.
- (16.) Motor Vehicles :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many motor vehicles have been registered in the Metropolis under the Motor Traffic Act
- (2.) How many of these vehicles are plying for hire?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) All motor vehicles in the State are registered in the Metropolis. There are 1,800 registered in all.
- (2.) Forty-six motor vehicles (taxi-cabs) are plying for hire in the Metropolis.
- (17.) Fire Station, Darlinghurst :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When does he intend to commence the construction of the new fire station at Darlinghurst?
- (2.) When is it expected that the work will be completed?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Acceptance of a tender has already been issued.
- (2.) The time for completion of the contract is fifty-two weeks from date of acceptance of tender.
- (18.) William-street Tramway Service :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he endeavour to give the passengers on the William-street tramway a better service than they have at present, especially during the busy hours of the day?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the service on the William-street tramway meets reasonable requirements at present. It will, however, continue to be watched, with a view to improvement when necessary.
- (19.) Connection between William-street and Bellevue Hill Tramway Lines :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to put in hand the promised connection between the William-street tramline and the Park-street portion of the Bellevue Hill line?
- Mr. Lee answered,—The Railway Commissioners state that this connection would be useless until a further connection was given from Bellevue Hill tramway, *via* College-street and Chelmsford-avenue, to the Central Railway Station, and I have instructed that the latter be investigated, with a view to an amount being placed on the Estimates for its construction.
- (20.) Use of School Buildings for Private Purposes :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a certain travelling lecturer is showing pictures in the evening, and charging for admission, in some school buildings in the interior?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the lecturer in question obtains the use of such buildings by showing teachers a letter purporting to be signed by the Chief Inspector?
- (3.) Has any such letter of recommendation been granted?
- (4.) If so, will he see that school buildings are made available at night for public purposes as well as for those of private gain?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1, 2, and 3.) In two cases permission has been granted to use school buildings, where no public halls are available, for the purpose of giving cinematograph entertainments. The proceeds of the entertainment, less expenses, are received by the teachers, and are devoted to the purchase of stereoscopes, views, magic lanterns, lantern slides, &c., for the use of the school pupils. This reciprocal arrangement enables schools to obtain apparatus, books, &c., of an educational and recreative character, which lie outside the ordinary requirements of a school.
- (4.) It is not advisable to do so.
2. PAPER :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—By-laws regulating the Water Supply for Bankstown Heights, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1894.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Fisheries (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 next.

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4. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1903, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th August, 1910.*
5. **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*. Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*" Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th August, 1910.*
6. **CLERKS MINIMUM WAGE BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- W. P. CULLEN, *Message No. 31.*  
*By Deputation from His Excellency the 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 constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
*State Government House,  
Sydney, 4th August, 1910.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
7. **DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. Wood, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. **FIRE BRIGADES AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. On motion of Mr. Moore, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole 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 disagreed to one, and agreed to the remainder, of the Council's amendments. On a motion of Mr. Moore, the report was adopted.

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10. ROYAL NAVY RECREATION GROUND BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1910.

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

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

- (1.) Loan (Railways) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for railway purposes; to provide for a Railway Loan Account in the Treasury, and to amend the Audit Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (2.) Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1909; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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2. DEATH OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII—ACCESSION OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following letter from the Official Clerk to His Excellency the Governor:—

Sir,

State Government House, Sydney, 6th August, 1910.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 10/72, and to inform you that, in compliance with the request contained therein, His Excellency has this day transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to His Majesty King George V, the Address of condolence and congratulation adopted by the Members of the Legislative Assembly on the 14th June last.

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

H. C. BUDGE,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Official Clerk to His Excellency the Governor.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Locomotives:—Mr. Ball asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the number and class of railway locomotives on order under contract?  
(2.) What are the number to be still delivered, and contract date of such delivery?  
(3.) What are the probable requirements of extra new locomotives for the next two years?



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(4.) Before placing any further orders for locomotives will he give this House an opportunity of considering where such locomotives should be built, and at the same time lay upon the Table of this House the cost to date of locomotives imported and locally made, including those made at Eveleigh Railway Workshops?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) From the Clyde Engineering Company forty-five "P" class engines, nineteen of which have been delivered to date. The full contract was for forty-five "P" class, and thirty "T" class. The whole of the "T" class have been delivered.

(2.) Number to be delivered, twenty-six. Contract dates of delivery :—Two by 21st October, 1910; ten by 21st October, 1911; ten by 21st October, 1912; four by 21st April, 1913.

(3 and 4.) The question of constructing a further number of engines locally is now under the consideration of the Government.

(2.) Land available for Settlement, Eastern Dorrigo :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that roads are being or have been graded through an area of land at Eastern Dorrigo, which is to be made available for settlement?

(2.) Will the land be made available without delay as soon as the roads have been graded?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes, the matter of grading necessary roads has been in hand some time.

(2.) Yes, and as soon as the necessary surveys have been completed.

(3.) Residential Conditions on Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some Local Land Boards recommend the issue of the first certificate at the end of five years for conditional purchases, irrespective of any suspended condition of residence which may have been granted?

(2.) Is it a fact that some Land Boards insist on the period of suspended residence being performed before issuing the first certificate?

(3.) Will he arrange for a uniform method of administration in regard to this matter?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) No cases of the kind have come under my notice.

(2 and 3.) Yes; this being the established practice.

(4.) Expenditure on Macleay, Bellinger, and Nambucca River Entrances :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The total expenditure on harbour improvements at the Entrance to Macleay River prior to the 30th June, 1904?

(2.) The total expenditure from that date to the present?

(3.) The same information with regard to the Bellinger River?

(4.) The same information with regard to the Nambucca River?

Mr. Lee answered,—

	Expenditure to 30th June, 1904.			Expenditure from 30th June, 1904, to date.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Macleay River ... ..	74,256	4	5	11,973	0	5
Bellinger River ... ..	58,176	0	3	7,644	13	5
Nambucca River ... ..	32,804	14	7	Nil.		

(5.) Application by R. H. Newton for Oyster Leases, Clarence River :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Robert H. Newton is an applicant for two Oyster Leases, Nos. 6,555 and 6,556, in the Clarence River?

(2.) Is Mr. Newton a resident of the Clarence River; if not, what is the address given in his application?

(3.) Is he a brother or a relative of the Mr. Newton who is Inspector of Fisheries at the Clarence River?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Board of Fisheries has informed me :—

(1.) Yes. The applications were refused, as it was represented that the areas applied for were hauling grounds.

(2.) No; the address given is Watson's Bay.

(3.) Yes; a brother.

(6.) Increase of Salary, "Sobraon" Employees :—Mr. McGarry, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In view of the increases being given to some of the officers of the Public Service, owing to increased cost of living, will he include within the benefits of such increases the men on the training ship "Sobraon"?

(2.) Will he see that the rates paid to these men and others in the service of his Department are at least equal to the standard Wages Board rates fixed for similar classes of employment outside the Service?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The Public Service Board has the cases of the "Sobraon" employees under consideration with others, in connection with the proposed scheme of increased salaries.

(2.) The matter will receive consideration.

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- (7.) Appointment of Police Magistrates :—*Mr. McGarry*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) What are the names, length of service, and positions now occupied by those in the Service who have passed the examination qualifying them for Police Magistrates?
  - (2.) How many vacancies exist at the present time for the position of Police Magistrate?
  - (3.) Are there vacancies existing or arising in the near future, and will they be filled by appointments from within the Service, or is it proposed to appoint outsiders to these positions?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) These particulars are too lengthy to be given as answers to a Question.
- (2.) Five.
- (3.) Yes; from within the Service.

- (8.) Lighting of Sydney Harbour :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to the Question asked by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards on the 3rd instant, referring to the lighting of Sydney Harbour,—have the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners sole control of the lights and beacons in the Harbour, and was a meeting of shipmasters convened by the Superintendent of Navigation to discuss with them the question of determining the fairway at the entrance to the Harbour?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the proposed lights at Grotto Point and Spit Estate are the outcome of the recommendations made at the above meeting?
- (3.) Have either the Department of Navigation or the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners at any time consulted any other competent body of navigators as to establishing efficiency?
- (4.) What are the grounds upon which he asserts that the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners are competent to undertake the work of providing proper navigation lights?
- (5.) Are any of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners nautical experts; if so, which?
- (6.) Did the Commissioners employ a nautical expert to undertake the work of providing the Harbour with proper and up-to-date navigation lights and beacons; if so, whom, what were his instructions, and when were they issued?
- (7.) Will he furnish this House with information as to the systems or arrangement of lights and beacons in vogue at such ports and places as were inquired into in order to arrive at the conclusion that the present arrangement of lights and beacons in Sydney is neither dangerous nor obsolete, and by whom such inquiries were made, where at, and when?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am of opinion that no good purpose can be served by furnishing detailed replies to these interrogations which, apparently, call in question the capability of the Harbour Trust Commissioners and the Harbour Master and his Assistants, who are their nautical advisers. As previously stated, the Commissioners have full control in this matter, and are competent to carry out the duties entrusted to them by the Sydney Harbour Trust Act. I am informed that they are in close touch with all the leading Harbour authorities of the world and with the Admiral in command of this Station.

- (9.) Prickly-pear Pest :—*Mr. Downes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many Land Districts in the State are seriously affected by the prickly-pear pest?
- (2.) What is the estimated area so affected in those districts?
- (3.) How many districts are known to be affected with prickly-pear to a lesser extent?
- (4.) In how many fresh districts has the pear been reported during the last two years?
- (5.) How many prickly-pear leases have been granted?
- (6.) What area do these leases cover?
- (7.) Are the conditions attached to these leases being fulfilled?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

- (1, 2, 3, and 4.) The information asked for is being compiled and will be furnished shortly.
  - (5.) 189.
  - (6.) 66,788 acres. It is important to add that, in connection with the granting of all forms of leases under the Crown Lands Acts comprising lands on which prickly-pear exists, conditions are always inserted requiring the destruction of the plant.
  - (7.) Generally, yes; in all cases the fulfilment of the condition is enforced.
- I may further state the subject is one which has been receiving the attention of the Department for some time past. Very recently the Under Secretary made a special visit to Queensland to ascertain the methods which are being tried in that State to cope with the pest.

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROMOTION BILL :—Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Moore*, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT.—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 27th July, 1910, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Closer Settlement Promotion Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4, line 22,—because it would debar the holder of any land, however small the area might be, from acquiring a settlement purchase under the provisions of the Bill, and thus be out of harmony with the existing law regarding the qualifications of applicants for settlement purchases.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in the Bill.

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## 5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Fisheries of New South Wales for 1903.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1909.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Hotel and Club Licenses.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ROYAL NAVY RECREATION GROUND BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain land in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in trust for a recreation ground for the Royal Navy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental 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 vest certain land in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in trust for a recreation ground for the Royal Navy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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## 7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed until To-morrow :—

(1.) Macken Estate Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Briner.*]

(2.) North Sydney Electric Lighting Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]

## 8. PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to so amend the Public Instruction Act as to provide for the election of school boards by the parents of the children attending the schools under their jurisdiction.

Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 20th July, 1910.*

## 9. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

10. DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902; 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 amend the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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## 11. RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1910.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Classification of Forest Reserves :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Agriculture,—  
 (1.) Are any methods being followed in carrying out the work of classification of forest reserves?  
 (2.) Have any independent men of expert knowledge and reliable character been engaged in the work?  
 (3.) When is it expected that the classification will be complete?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Not yet.  
 (3.) It is hoped that the work will be completed within the time prescribed by the Act.

- (2.) Sale of Allotments—Pilot Houses at Urunga :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) Is it proposed to offer any town allotments for sale in the village of Urunga, within a reasonable time; and, if so, how many?  
 (2.) Have complaints been made to the Department regarding certain houses used by the Pilot Service at Urunga, and was any action taken in the matter; if so, is any further action proposed to be taken?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) It is not proposed to offer any allotments in the village of Urunga, pending survey of the North Coast Railway Line.  
 (2.) Yes, and a report having been obtained from the District Surveyor, the matter has been referred to the Navigation Department.

- (3.) Glenfernaigh Forest Reserve :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Agriculture,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that repeated applications have been made to have a large part, if not the whole, of Glenfernaigh Forest Reserve 355, cancelled and made available for settlement?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that Forestry officers have always urged the retention of the reserve in the interests of forestry; and that officers of the Lands Department have urged to the contrary, that it should be made available for settlement?  
 (3.) Will he have an open inquiry made in order to verify, or otherwise, the statements which have been made by reliable men, and public bodies, to the effect that there is no timber of any value on this reserve, and that it should be made available for settlement?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) (a) Yes, on account of the large amount of valuable timber; (b) the Lands Department have reported that some of this land is suitable for settlement.  
 (3.) An inquiry will be made in connection with this and other reserves prior to the permanent classification of forest reserves.

- (4.) Richlands Estate :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) Was the Richlands Estate purchased from a Mr. Davis at the price of £4 per acre?  
 (2.) Had it been recently acquired by Mr. Davis from its former proprietor, a Mr. Onsiow?  
 (3.) Did such former proprietor ever place the property under offer to the Government?  
 (4.) Was such offer made by him to the Government at £3 10s. per acre?  
 (5.) Was any report obtained on this offer?  
 (6.) On what grounds was this offer refused?

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Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The estate was purchased from Mr. H. S. Rich, at the price of £4 per acre.
- (2.) It is understood that it had recently been purchased by Mr. Rich from the Camden Park Estate (Limited).
- (3, 4, 5, and 6.) The only offer that can be traced was one of £4 per acre in the year 1902, which was declined.

(5.) Public School, Wallendbeen:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Burgess, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When are tenders likely to be called for the new public school at Wallendbeen?
- (2.) Will he expedite this matter?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the condition of the old school is insanitary, and is the health of both teachers and pupils endangered?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be called on the 17th August.
- (2.) No avoidable delay will take place.
- (3.) I am advised that it is not a fact that the condition of the school is insanitary or that the health of the teachers and pupils is endangered. Owing to low walls some inconvenience has been experienced during the summer months. The erection of a new school will remedy this.

(6.) Regrading Officers, Registrar-General's and Government Printing Offices:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Stuart-Robertson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board regraded the officers of the Clerical Division of the Registrar-General's Department in less than two weeks?
- (2.) Have the Board had in hand the regrading of the officers of the Clerical Division of the Government Printing Office?
- (3.) How long has the regrading of the Government Printing Office been in hand, and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) The Public Service Board inform me that it is not a fact.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Public Service Board state that a decision has been arrived at; but it is intended to deal with the adjustment of salaries throughout the Service as a whole, and this will be done as soon as possible.

(7.) Police Inspections:—*Mr. Ashford* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a police officer of high standing has been appointed to do the work of the Inspector-General of Police whilst the latter is absent from Sydney?
- (2.) Is it a fact that after inspecting one station the Inspector-General returns to Sydney and visits the same district a week later?
- (3.) Will he consider whether it is practicable to effect economy and efficiency by arranging for the absence of the Inspector-General for a sufficient period of time to enable him to inspect the principal stations in a district during one visit?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information:—

- (1.) An officer of police attends to certain duties during the absence of the Inspector-General upon inspection.
- (2.) No, it is not a fact. He sometimes visits three and four stations when absent, where practicable to do so.
- (3.) The present arrangement is considered to be the most satisfactory in the interests of the Service. These inspections are often made by the Inspector-General at great personal inconvenience and discomfort, in order that the general work of the Department may not suffer.

(8.) Appointments to Commission of the Peace:—*Mr. Horne* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to the necessity for further appointments to the Commission of the Peace in many of the country districts, and does he intend to make such appointments during the currency of the present Parliament?

Mr. Wood answered,—A few complaints of inconvenience have reached me. I cannot at present say when the next list will be gazetted.

(9.) Officers of Drafting Branch, Lands Titles Office:—*Mr. John Storey* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in dealing with the adjustment of salaries of the permanent officers of the Drafting Branch in the Lands Titles Office?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have such adjustment effected as soon as possible?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) A decision has been arrived at, but it is intended to deal with adjustment of salaries throughout the Service as a whole.
- (2.) Yes.

(10.) Railway Accidents:—*Mr. John Storey* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Were two employees of the Chief Railway Commissioner killed, in the early part of 1910, while engaged uncoupling vehicles?
- (2.) If so, what were their names?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) James Grant, and John Gregory Keefe.

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- (11.) Police—Hours of Employment :—Mr. John Storey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, when a constable is off duty owing to sickness, the time he is off is deducted from his annual leave?
  - (2.) How many hours constitute a day's duty for a policeman in the country?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—
- (1.) No, it is not a fact. Nothing of the kind occurs.
  - (2.) Eight hours; but when the public interests require that a little extra work is necessary, it must be done.
- (12.) Royal Commission on Railway Decentralisation :—Mr. Ashford asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Has the Royal Commission appointed in connection with the Decentralisation Scheme inquired into the advantages of Port Stephens?
  - (2.) If not, why not?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member is referred to the answer furnished by me on the 2nd instant to a Question asked by him. I understand that no evidence has yet been taken at any place.
- (13.) Pure Food Inspectors :—Mr. Ashford asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How many inspectors are there appointed exclusively under the Pure Food Act?
- Mr. Wood answered,—Three, and an assistant. I may say the local authorities have the right to appoint inspectors, and some have appointed local inspectors in proportion to the population; and, in addition to that, the police are acting in other places.
- (14.) Railway Commissioners' Inspection Car :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners' Inspection Car was sent empty from Sydney to Wallangarra for the sole purpose of bringing the Chief Commissioner back after his holiday?
  - (2.) What is the total cost of running a car the weight of the Commissioners' Inspection Car, Sydney to Wallangarra and return?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) Yes, in anticipation of the Chief Commissioner travelling by rail from Brisbane to Sydney,
  - (2.) The cost cannot be given, as the car was attached to trains which, in any case, required additional engine power over various sections of the line.
- (15.) Police Instructions :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that copies of "A Synopsis of Indictable Offences and Forms of Indictments" have recently been issued for police guidance throughout the State?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that these copies were printed in the year 1885, and that twenty-five years have elapsed before their issue?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that many of these Statutes having been altered, consolidated, and amended, are now in a different form to what they were in 1885, and that consequently this synopsis is in many instances incorrect and misleading?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—
- (1 and 2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Yes. One hundred of these books, which were on hand at the Justice Department, were sent to the Police Department, as it was considered some valuable information could be obtained from them.
- (16.) Mrs. Ellis Rowan's Pictures of Australian Flora :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—
- Is it a fact that included in Mrs. Ellis Rowan's exhibit of water colours at Messrs. Angus and Robertson's salon are from ninety to one hundred pictures which represent wild flowers, &c., peculiar to New South Wales; and, if so, will he consider whether this collection should be purchased on behalf of the State, and placed in the National Gallery?
- Mr. Wade answered,—In accordance with an undertaking given by me in response to a Question asked by the Honorable Member for Camden on the 4th instant, the proposition that the State should acquire these drawings is receiving consideration.
- (17.) Case of Boufier—Furious Driving :—Mr. John Storey asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was a person named Boufier arrested, about February last, in Sydney, for furiously and recklessly driving a sulky in Pitt-street, to the imminent danger of a number of workmen on the tramline?
  - (2.) Was the making of this arrest in strict accordance with the usual practice in these cases?
  - (3.) Did Boufier endeavour to avoid arrest by galloping his horse for over a mile whilst the constable was chasing him in the motor-car?
  - (4.) Did Boufier plead guilty, and was he fined £5 and severely reprimanded by the Magistrate for his offence?
  - (5.) Were the police who dealt with this offender subsequently reprimanded in connection with the arrest; if so, by whose direction, and for what reason?
  - (6.) Will he lay the papers upon the Table for the information of and perusal by Honorable Members?

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Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) On the 21st September, 1909, a person named Boufier was arrested on a charge that he, on the 21st day of September, 1909, did furiously drive a horse attached to a sulky in Pitt-street, Sydney, so as to endanger the safety of the public (section 99 of the Police Offences Act).
- (2.) No. Where persons are well known they are usually proceeded against by summons.
- (3 and 4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes ; by the Inspector-General for not following the usual course and proceeding by summons.
- (6.) The papers should be moved for in the usual way.

(18.) Police with Ambulance Certificates :—Mr. John Storey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many police in the Metropolitan District have ambulance certificates for rendering first aid ?
- (2.) Is it considered desirable that the police should have such knowledge ?
- (3.) What opportunities and encouragement are given to police to acquire such knowledge ?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) 272.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Classes are frequently formed, when all members of the Police Force have an opportunity of attending, if they desire.

(19.) Public School, Garra :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for additions and improvements at the public school, Garra, near Molong ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Tenders will be invited at the end of this month.

(20.) Refunds from Superannuation Fund to Officers ceasing to Contribute :—Mr. Taylor asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, under the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1903, contributors have the option of ceasing to contribute, and that the amount so contributed is refunded with interest on voluntary resignation or retirement from the Service ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a number of public servants have exercised this option ?
- (3.) If so, will he take into consideration the question of amending the Act so as to allow contributors the right of a refund at any time desired while still remaining in the Service ?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) The right to exercise this option was limited to a period of twelve months after the passing of the Act.
- (2.) Yes, but a greater number withdrew from the Fund under the Act of 1895.
- (3.) This matter is one which should be dealt with in connection with the general scheme of superannuation.

(21.) Case of Alfred Buckman, Newtown—Wife Desertion :—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Albert Buckman, of Newtown, travelling to South Africa on the "Salamis," under the name of Albert Morgan, was arrested at Fremantle for wife desertion, and after such arrest was released and allowed to continue his journey in the ship ?
- (2.) Is there a Court order against this man to pay the amount of £5 weekly to his wife and two children, and, in view of the inability of his wife to obtain a warrant for his arrest, will he instruct the Crown Law officers to take the necessary steps to have this man arrested at Durban and returned to Sydney ?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) Yes ; Buckman was arrested at the request of the New South Wales Police, but the Western Australian authorities allowed him to continue his journey on the "Salamis" on his depositing £100 with its Court.
- (2.) There is an order against Buckman for the payment of £5 per week towards the support of his wife.

(22.) Weir across the Namoi, Wee Waa :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it proposed to gazette a trust proposal in connection with a weir across the Namoi, near Wee Waa ?

Mr. Lee answered,—A date at present cannot be fixed, but the matter is in hand.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(4.)

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(4.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of part of the Gunningbland Estate, near Gunningbland and Bogan Gate Railway Stations.

(5.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of part of the Wandary Estate, near Forbes.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations No. 229, 230, and 231, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(2.) Return showing Derailments and Accidents to Trains or Engines on the New South Wales Railways between 1st July, 1907, and 4th July, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Regulations and Schedule of Fees under Justices (Fees) Act, 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wood, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 34.

By Deputation from His Excellency the 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, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The necessity for considering the advisability of amending the Invalidity Pensions Act in the direction of providing pensions for the indigent blind.”

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. James drew attention to a Notice of Motion on the Business Paper in the name of the Honorable Member for Darlinghurst, Mr. Levy, on this subject, and submitted that this motion was, therefore, out of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the objection taken to be fatal.

(2.) Mr. Estell moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Beeby,  
Mr. Mercer,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Carmichael,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Ashford,  
Mr. McGarry,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Cusack,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Horne,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Meehan.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Treflé,  
Mr. Estell.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Wade,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Hindmarsh,  
Mr. Ball,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Sir James Graham,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Hunt,

Mr. Brinsley Hall,  
Mr. Gilbert,  
Mr. Henley,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Colonel Onslow,  
Mr. Robert Jones,  
Mr. John Miller,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Levien,  
Mr. Moxham,  
Mr. W. Millard,  
Mr. Briner.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Beeby 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 18,”—instead thereof.

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. James,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Briner,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Henley,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Ashford,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Estell.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. McGarry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question again proposed,—That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service and the Government Railways Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service and the Government Railways Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 10th August, 1910.*

6. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted on 28th July, 1910, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. GOULBURN SEWERAGE BILL:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Goulburn Sewerage 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.
8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—HARDWICKE ESTATE, NEAR YASS:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 6,154 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Yass, being the Hardwicke Estate, covered by a notice of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 6th July, 1910, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £4 5s. per acre.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. James,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. McLaurin,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Horne,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lalimer,	Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Lonsdale,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Nicholson.

*Tellers,*

Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Estell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—TIBBEREENAH ESTATE, NEAR NARRABRI :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act of 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 12,296½ acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Narrabri, being the Tibbereenah Estate, included within an area covered by proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 22nd July, 1910, together with any improvements thereon.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAYS—MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended by consent*, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock p.m. on Mondays and Two o'clock p.m. on Fridays in each week, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on every sitting day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

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*Disorder* :—The Honorable Member for The Darling, Mr. Meehan, having repeatedly disregarded directions and warnings from the Chair to desist from disorderly interjections, was, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Acting Serjeant-at-Arms.

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wood, 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at one minute before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1910.

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

BISHOP TYRRELL TRUST 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 vary the trusts declared in the will of the late Right Reverend William Tyrrell, Lord Bishop of Newcastle, and to extend the powers of managing lands held under such will; to enable the selling, leasing, and exchange of such lands; to provide for the investment and application of the income and proceeds arising from the said lands; and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"—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, 10th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

2. QUESTIONS:—

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

(1.) Has the question of the route of the North Coast Railway, between the Macleay River and Coff's Harbour, been finally decided; and, if so, with what result?

(2.) Has the question of route between Coff's Harbour and Glenreagh been finally decided; and, if so, which route will be taken,—that *via* Bucca Creek, or the one *via* Coramba?

(3.) When is it probable that tenders will be called for the sections between Coff's Harbour and South Grafton, and will the work operate from each end?

(4.) If plant be available since completion of the line to Kyogle, will he consider the advisability of undertaking the construction of the sections mentioned by day labour?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The surveyors are now engaged making the final survey between the Macleay and Coff's Harbour. The final route has only been selected on a portion of the line, but the surveyors, as they proceed, will make the necessary investigations respecting deviations, &amp;c., that may be required.

(2.) Yes, *via* Coramba.

(3.) Tenders will be invited for the section between Glenreagh and South Grafton about October next.

(4.) It is not desirable to do this.

(2.) Land for Settlement, County of Raleigh:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the total area of land within the boundaries of the old village of Wilson, in the parish of Nambucca, county of Raleigh?

(2.) Is it proposed to make any of this land available for original holdings; and, if so, what area?

(3.) Will any adjoining lands be made available at the same time; and, if so, what area?

(4.) When will the lands be made available?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) 946 acres (village and suburban).

(2.) 700 acres are to be made available for original holdings (conditional purchase leases).

(3.) Yes, 732 acres.

(4.) On 22nd September, 1910.

(3.)

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- (3.) Land for Settlement, Eastern Dorrigo:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many areas have been designed for residential settlement within the past three months in the county of Fitzroy, in what is known as the Eastern Dorrigo District?
  - (2.) How many areas have been set apart, or designed, and recommended for additional holdings in the same locality?
  - (3.) Are all these lands within Forest Reserve 642; if so, is the fact of their having been designed for settlement an intimation that they will be made available for settlement?
  - (4.) When is it intended to make the lands referred to available?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Ten.
  - (2.) The designs of five areas are now under consideration.
  - (3 and 4.) The areas referred to are within Forest Reserve No. 642; reference to the Forestry Department will be necessary, therefore, before making the lands available for settlement.
- (4.) Lease of William Gow, County of Raleigh:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that William Gow is the holder of a special lease in the parish of Congarini, or Warrell, county Raleigh?
  - (2.) When did he lodge his application, and on what dates was the application dealt with by the Land Board, and approved by him?
  - (3.) When was survey completed, and when was the granting of the lease officially gazetted?
  - (4.) What was the earliest date upon which the applicant was entitled to enter into occupation of the land?
  - (5.) What is the annual rent, and from what date is rent being charged?
  - (6.) What is the area of the lease?
  - (7.) Is it a fact that a sum of £19, or thereabouts, has been charged for rent and expenses to date?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The application was lodged on the 22nd February, 1909. It was dealt with by the Land Board on 23rd August, 1909, and approved on 15th October, 1909.
  - (3.) The survey was carried out on the 12th February, 1910. The papers were received from the District Survey Office on the 14th June, 1910, and the lease was gazetted on 13th July, 1910.
  - (4.) 1st November, 1909, the lessee having been informed on 18th October, 1909, that the lease had been approved to date from 1st November, 1909.
  - (5.) £3, from 1st November, 1909.
  - (6.) 200 acres.
  - (7.) Yes. This includes cost of survey.
- (5.) Trial Bay Survey:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has any survey been made of Trial Bay, and was any report furnished in connection therewith; if so, when, and by whom?
  - (2.) Is such report and plan of survey available; and, if so, upon what conditions?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) A survey was made by the late Commander F. Howard in 1889, but the records do not show that any report was furnished.
  - (2.) Yes, upon payment of the usual fee.
- (6.) Woolgoolga Bay Survey:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was any survey ever made of Woolgoolga Bay, and was any report furnished in connection therewith; and, if so, when, and by whom?
  - (2.) Is such report and plan of survey available; and, if so, upon what conditions?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) A survey was made and report furnished by the late Commander F. Howard in 1892.
  - (2.) See answer to Question 5.
- (7.) Temporary Conditional Purchase Inspector:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board some time ago invited applications for the position of temporary conditional purchase inspector in the Department of Lands?
  - (2.) How many applications were received?
  - (3.) Has any appointment been made; and, if so, who was the successful applicant, and was he already employed in the Service?
  - (4.) If no appointment has yet been made, when is it proposed to finally decide the matter?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished the following replies:—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) 113.
  - (3 and 4.) Fourteen suitable applicants have been selected so as to be available for appointment as vacancies occur. Of these six are already in the service of the Government, or are Stock Inspectors.
- (8.) Labourers' Camping Allowance:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Minahan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that labourers on public works receive one shilling per night for camping?
  - (2.) If so, what reason is assigned for this payment being stopped on wet nights?
  - (3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made with a view to see that the men are paid this amount in future?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Under the United Labourers Award, labourers, if sent to country work, necessitating their sleeping at some other place than their usual place of residence, are allowed one shilling per day extra.

(2.) I am informed that it is not clear if this allowance is intended to apply on days upon which men do not work owing to wet weather.

(3.) Inquiry is being made, and the allowance, if found to be due, will be paid in future.

(9.) Coonabarabran to Baradine Railway Survey:—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a request made to him some months ago by the Baradine Railway League for a trial survey between Coonabarabran and Baradine, and did he, in answer thereto, state that the Government would give the matter consideration when dealing with its Railway Policy?

(2.) Has he approved of the proposal; and, if so, when will survey be made?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Survey will be made as soon as officers can be detailed for the purpose.

(10.) Public Servants' Salaries:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it intended to pay an increase of £15 to public servants receiving £150 per annum after two years' service; and, if so, when will it be paid?

(2.) Does the proposed increase apply to all branches of the Service?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Public Service Board have furnished me with the following replies:—Yes. The increments are to be given under a regulation which applies to the Clerical and Professional Divisions only, and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

(11.) Public School Teachers' Salaries:—Mr. Brown asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In considering the increments proposed to be given to low-salaried teachers, will he consider the position of teachers in charge of fifth-class schools?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Teachers in charge of fifth-class schools do not come within the class for which the recent increases were designed. The regulations recently issued provide increases mainly for teachers who were receiving less than £156 a year.

(12.) Forage Allowance to Country Public School Teachers:—Mr. Brown asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he amend the regulations so as to provide that teachers residing several miles away from a post office shall receive a forage allowance when they are compelled to keep a horse for the purpose of obtaining their mails?

Mr. Hogue answered,—There are so few cases in which any serious inconvenience arises from the difficulty in obtaining mails, that it is not considered advisable to amend the regulations to deal with them. Individual cases of hardship will be considered on their merits.

(13.) Gunnible Estate, Gunnedah:—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Does the Government intend to resume Gunnible Estate, near Gunnedah, recently reproclaimed?

(2.) If not, have negotiations been entered into with a view to private subdivision being allowed, and will conditions of sale be at least as advantageous to buyers as in Colly Creek private subdivision lately sanctioned?

Mr. Moore answered,—The matter is at present under consideration.

(14.) Revision of Names of Towns and Districts:—Mr. Cann, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Did his immediate predecessor in office appoint a Committee to report upon the advisability of revising the names and spelling of certain towns and districts in New South Wales; did such Committee furnish any report?

Mr. Moore answered,—Yes; and on receipt of such report the Minister minuted the papers as follows:—"Where the Railway Commissioners or the postal authorities desire an alteration of name on any ground, I see no objection at present to authorising it; but I cannot see that any useful purpose is served by changing a name which the absence of any request for alteration suggests has not given rise to any inconvenience."

(15.) Dredging of Clarence Bar and Iluka Crossing:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What quantity of silt has been dredged from the Clarence Bar and Iluka Crossing respectively, from 1st January, 1908, to 30th June, 1910?

Mr. Lee answered,—235,350 and 670,935 tons, respectively.

(16.) Arncliffe West Infants' School:—Mr. Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When does he expect to be in a position to call for tenders for the erection of the Arncliffe West Infants' School?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I expect that in about six weeks' time tenders will be called.

(17.) Case of Alfred Buckman, Newtown—Wife Desertion:—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier,—Referring to the Questions of the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hollis, on 10th instant, re Albert Buckman, is it a fact that Mrs. Buckman made application at the Newtown Court for a warrant for Buckman's arrest at Durban, but was unable to obtain one; if so, can anything be done to bring this man back to New South Wales?

Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following replies:—(a) Yes; (b) the matter will be considered.

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3. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga.  
 (2.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. **PAPERS**:—  
 Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th June, 1910.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
 Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Notices of intention to declare that Original Conditional Purchase No. 1908-96, parish of Ellenborough, county of Macquarie, Land District of Port Macquarie, applied for by John Bransdon, shall cease to be voidable.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
 (2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of the Cole Park and Malton Estates, near Goulburn.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Regulations under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.  
 (2.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **FIRE BRIGADES AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Wood, pursuant to leave granted on 4th August, 1910, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

- (1.) **Saturday Half Holiday Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops; and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 11th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
 President.

SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th August, 1910.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 4. After "district" insert "and within the Newcastle shopping district and  
 "all other shopping districts comprised in the County of Northumberland"

Page 2, clause 5, line 26. Omit "the Newcastle or"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) **Workmen's Compensation Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 11th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
 President.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, 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 improvement leases and scrub  
 "leases be withdrawn with the object of resuming same for closer settlement purposes."

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

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick drew attention to the terms of Notice of Motion, No. 22 on to-day's Notice Paper, in the name of the Honorable Member for The Castlereagh, Mr. Treflé, on which the same discussion could be had.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the terms of the two Notices were identical, and the objection taken must be upheld.

(2.)

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- (2.) Mr. John Storey moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Ashford.
Mr. Gus. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Page,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Dacey,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. James,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Henley,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Goods Railway, Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

- (1.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 11th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

## CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th August, 1910.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "shall come into force on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and"
- Page 1, clause 2, line 12. *Omit* "or" first occurring, *insert* "after the"
- Page 1, clause 2, line 12. *After* "grant" *insert* "thereof"
- Page 3, clause 6, line 23. *After* "notified" *insert* "prior to the application for conversion"
- Page 3, clause 8. At end of clause *add* "such repeal shall take effect as from the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and nine. Provided that such repeal shall not affect anything lawfully done under the said section."
- Page 4, Schedule. *After* line 23 *insert*—
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| Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908. | 5 | } After paragraph (b) (ii) the following proviso is inserted:—"Provided that upon confirmation of the conversion the board shall define the area of the conditional lease which may be converted into additional conditional purchase, and that the right of conversion is hereby limited to such area." |
| Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908. | 5 |  |
| Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908. | 6 |  |
- subsec. (1) The words "with or without an" are substituted for the word "or" in paragraph (c), and the words "at the date of conversion of the settlement lease" are added at the end of the paragraph.
- Paragraph (c) is hereby repealed.
- Page 4, Schedule, line 42. *After* "seven" *insert* "This amendment shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the coming into force of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1908"

Examined—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day

(2.)

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## (2.) Closer Settlement Promotion Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 9th August, 1910, in reference to the Closer Settlement Promotion Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1910.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Estell, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.
11. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole 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. Moore, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1910.*
12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL :—Mr. Wade, *on behalf of* Mr. Wood, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906 ; and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
13. CLERICAL WORKERS BILL [*heretofore* CLERKS MINIMUM WAGE BILL] :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
14. POSTPONEMENT :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until a later hour of the day.
15. MACKEN ESTATE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Briner 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. Briner, 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. Briner, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time Tomorrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1910.

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

FLEMINGTON TO BELMORE, AND WARDELL ROAD TO GLEBE ISLAND AND DARLING ISLAND RAILWAYS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 35.

*By Deputation from His Excellency the 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 sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1910.*

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

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Honorary Inspectors of Fisheries:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that a number of gentlemen were gazetted on the 3rd instant as Honorary Inspectors of Fisheries for New South Wales under the Fisheries Act, 1902?  
 (2.) How many appointments were gazetted?  
 (3.) On whose recommendation were these gentlemen appointed?  
 (4.) Why were they appointed, and in what interests?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) 125.  
 (3.) The Board of Fisheries.  
 (4.) Honorary Inspectors are appointed for a period of twelve months to assist in carrying out the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations.

- (2.) Salaries of City Sanitary Inspectors:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has a communication been received from the Sydney Municipal Council, asking his approval of certain increases of salaries of city sanitary inspectors on account of length of service?  
 (2.) Has this communication received his consideration; and, if so, what has been done in the matter?  
 (3.) If nothing has yet been done, will he state what difficulties are in the way, and what is being done to overcome them?

Mr. Wood answered,—This matter is at present under consideration. It will be decided early.

(3.)

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- (3.) Registration of Dairies:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he provide, in any amending legislation that he may introduce dealing with the dairying industry, that registration of dairies may be made continuous in lieu of annual as at present?

Mr. Wood answered,—It has been reported to me that continuous registration would be administratively highly objectionable. Annual registration entails no hardship and no inconvenience worth consideration. As it is, dairymen seldom give notice of ceasing business as required by the Act; were annual registration not required registers would soon become extremely inaccurate, and this would cause much waste of time to departmental inspectors, who would visit many places where there was no trade at the time, and would have no means of avoiding this. Local authorities would be deprived of a valuable opportunity of reviewing registrations granted, of refusing registration to persons found by experience unfit, and of insisting on reasonable improvement of premises once in the year at least.

- 4.) Frater's Reserve, Narrabri:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision regarding the disposal of the land known as Frater's Reserve, Narrabri; if so, what?

Mr. Moore answered,—I have now under consideration a report recently obtained on the subject.

- 5.) Pilliga Scrub:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose making available for settlement the large block of land in the Pilliga Scrub, situated south-west of Wee Waa, for which a design has already been prepared?

Mr. Moore answered,—A considerable area to the south-west of Wee Waa has been designed for settlement, but survey has been deferred pending consideration of the question of a railway through the Pilliga Scrub. I cannot at present say when the area will be made available, but no unnecessary time will be lost.

- (6.) Fairy Meadows Public School Teacher:—*Mr. McLaurin* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the classification and length of service of the teacher recently appointed to Fairy Meadows Public School?

(2.) Has he served for any period in an unfavourable locality; if so, for how long?

(3.) Does the Department of Public Instruction permit of exchanges being made between teachers of schools?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Classification, 2A. Service, thirty-six years in October, 1910.

(2.) He has served six years at Wardell, twelve years at Kelso, nine years at Millthorpe, and for shorter periods in Maitland, Newcastle, and Sydney Districts.

(3.) The Department occasionally allows teachers to exchange, due regard being paid to the claims of other teachers, and to the interests of the Service.

- 7.) Case in Bankruptcy Court—Remarks by Registrar:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the remarks of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, on Friday last, in connection with the arrest of Joseph Boeker, and did the Registrar say that such arrest constituted "a diabolical outrage"?

(2.) Will he have some inquiry made with the view of preventing the possibility of a repetition of such procedure in future?

Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) (a) I have seen the newspaper reports; (b) the Registrar informs me that he did not use the expression attributed to him.

(2.) The matter will be duly considered.

- 8.) Crown Lands for Settlement:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of Crown Lands is available for settlement purposes in the Land District of Molong?

(2.) Will he give similar information with regard to the Land District of Orange?

(3.) Will he consider whether it would be a good idea to have maps prepared showing Crown Lands available for settlement, such maps to be placed on view outside the Land Offices at the centres named?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) About 87,000 acres.

(2.) About 18,000 acres.

(3.) Maps are already available for information of the public in all Lands Offices, and, in respect of areas set apart for settlement, special lithographs are usually published, not only for exhibition outside the offices, but for distribution to the public.

- (9.) Federal Graduated Land Tax Bill:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to that section in the Federal Government's Graduated Land Tax Bill which provides that the Commonwealth is entitled to acquire land in any of the States, which is declared by a Judge of the Court to have been wilfully undervalued, and to have such land vested in the Commonwealth, and in the event of the State concerned not being willing to take over such land at the price payable by the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth to have power to dispose of such land?

(2.)

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(2.) Will he consider whether the assumption of such power will constitute an interference with State rights and an infringement of the principles underlying the Constitution?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Every care will be taken to preserve the rights of the State under the Constitution.

## 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the widening of Macquarie-street, Sydney.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting Leave of Absence to Mr. George Paterson, Lift Attendant, Department of Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Nautical School Ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Sewerage for Vaucluse*):—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, 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 scheme of Sewerage for Vaucluse.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM REFERENDUM BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit to a referendum the question of the reduction of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fixing of the number of the Members of the Legislative Council, and other provisions to guard against deadlocks; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Briner,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Perry,	Tellers,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Downes.
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Ashford,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Gus. Miller.

Tellers,

Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Beeby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. MACKEN ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Briner, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Briner then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the executors and the trustees for the time being of the will of James Joseph Macken to invest certain moneys belonging to the estate of the said James Joseph Macken in the purchase of shares in 'Mark Foy's (Limited),' and to retain the shares so purchased as investments of the funds of the said estate; to extend the powers of investment conferred by the said will upon the said trustees; 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 has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the executors and the trustees for the time being of the will of James Joseph Macken to invest certain moneys belonging to the estate of the said James Joseph Macken in the purchase of shares in 'Mark Foy's (Limited),' and to retain the shares so purchased as investments of the funds of the said estate; to extend the powers of investment conferred by the said will upon the said trustees; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th August, 1910.

## MACKEN ESTATE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th August, 1910.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3, Preamble, line 18. Omit "eighteenth" insert "tenth"

Examined,—

JOHN J. COHEN,

Chairman of Committees.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bishop Tyrrell Trust Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Clarence, Mr. McFarlane, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—  
“The necessity of taking immediate steps to prevent the spread of the water hyacinth on the “Clarence.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. McFarlane moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
9. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Old Site for Public School at Wirrimbi:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that an application was made by a Mr. Walker for the purchase of the old site for public school purposes at Wirrimbi?
- (2.) Did the Department of Public Instruction recently abandon this site and resume an area some distance away which is now in use?
- (3.) Is the old site applied for by Mr. Walker in the centre of one of the blocks which form his holding?
- (4.) Did the Department of Public Instruction object to the alienation of the land, and was the application for purchase thereupon refused?
- (5.) Upon what grounds did the Department of Public Instruction object?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The site has not been abandoned, but the school building was removed from the site in question to the new site which was resumed and is now occupied for public school purposes.
- (3.) The old site is situated on the western boundary of portion 16, of 103½ acres, held by Mr. Walker under conditional purchase, and is bounded on three sides by that portion.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) On the ground that future developments in connection with the proposed North Coast Railway may render the site again necessary for public school purposes.

- (2.) Scalping Fox Skins :—*Mr. McLaurin*, for Mr. Dooley, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the present system adopted by the Pastures Protection Boards is to have fox scalps that are paid for cut off the skin and burnt?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the cutting off of the scalp reduces the value of the skin?
- (3.) Will he issue a regulation that will permit of the scalps being left on the skins and being indelibly marked as having been paid for instead of being cut off and burnt?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) To a certain extent.
- (3.) An amendment of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, would be necessary. The matter will be considered.

- (3.) Illawarra Railway Quadruplication :—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is the question of the quadruplication of the Illawarra Line considered an urgent matter by the authorities?
- (2.) Has the work been approved; and, if so, when is it likely to be commenced?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Approval has been given for the work to be carried out, and operations will be shortly commenced.

15th August, 1910.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed resumption by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of part of the Warrah Estate, near Quirindi.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for the purposes of Closer Settlement, of part of the Nangus Estate, near Gundagai.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Phillip, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The iniquitous system of sweating which prevails in regard to female labour, notwithstanding the Industrial Disputes Act.”

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.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the indefiniteness of the terms of this motion, and on that ground ruled it out of order.

4. FLEMINGTON TO BELMORE, AND WARDELL ROAD TO GLEBE ISLAND AND DARLING ISLAND RAILWAYS BILL :—Mr. Wade, *on behalf of* Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) 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 for the further consideration of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes.

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 amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Wood then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

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

6. CLERICAL WORKERS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

7. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—COLE PARK AND MALTON ESTATES, NEAR GOULBURN :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Acts, 1907 and 1909, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owners, an area of 3,185 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Goulburn, being the Cole Park and Malton Estates, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £4 10s. per acre.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PORTION OF GUNNINGBLAND ESTATE :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 12,404 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Gunningbland Railway Station, being the portion of the Gunningbland Estate covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 10th August, 1910, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £3 per acre on a freehold basis.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PORTION OF WANDARY ESTATE, NEAR FORBES:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owner, an area of 9,000 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Forbes, being portion of the Wandary Estate, included in an area covered by a proclamation of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 3rd August, 1910, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £4 2s. 6d. per acre on a freehold basis.  
Question put and passed.
10. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) 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 after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1910, 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. Wood, the report was adopted.

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

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coff's Harbour Jetty:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Referring to the Question asked by the Honorable Member for Raleigh on 3rd August, in reference to Coff's Harbour Jetty, did he, in reply, state that "The expenditure to 30th June, 1910, on Coff's Harbour Jetty, shed, and approaches, was £22,000, and the estimated expenditure for "this financial year is £4,600"?

(2.) Is it a fact that expenditure at this jetty has produced, and is producing, a good return to the Government?

(3.) Is it a fact that, since the jetty was constructed, the revenue therefrom has totalled £4,000, and that the average annual revenue for the past three years has reached £600, and is this equal to 4 per cent. per annum on the money expended?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) The revenue received from the jetty for the years 1907, 1908, and 1909, totals the sum of £1,854 2s. 7d., or an average per annum of £618, representing, on the expenditure of £22,000, a return of 2.80 per cent. For the eleven years 1899 to 1909 inclusive, the total revenue amounted to £3,709 11s. 5d., being an average collection per annum of £337 4s. 8d., or a return of 1.53 per cent. on the expenditure stated. After expenses are charged the net revenue is very little.

(2.) Land for Settlement, Bellingen District:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many portions of land within the parishes of Timboon, Never Never, Dingle, Oaks, Waverloy, Vautin, and other adjoining parishes in the Bellingen District have been designed or measured for settlement, and when were the lands so designed or measured?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to make these lands available for settlement; and, if so, when?

(3.) Is it a fact that a mere objection by the Forestry Department is sufficient to prevent land within forest reserves being made available for settlement?

(4.) Is it a fact that in many cases lands within forest reserves contain no marketable timbers, and are of no use for forestry?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Eight portions have been measured in parish of Never Never, and two portions in parish of Timboon, with a view to making them available for conditional purchase lease. They were measured in October last.

(2.) Yes; at an early date.

(3.) Under the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1909, land within forest reserves cannot be made available without the recommendation of the Minister for Agriculture.

(4.) Probably so, but action is proceeding towards classification of all forest lands of the State, with a view of ascertaining which reserves, or portions thereof, might be released for settlement.

(3.) Trial Bay Prison Buildings:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—

(1.) For how many years have the buildings formerly used as a prison at Trial Bay been closed?

(2.) At whose suggestion, and on whose authority, were the buildings closed?

(3.) What was the total cost of these buildings?

(4.) What sum do they cost the country annually for interest on cost of construction, and for the services of a caretaker?

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- (5.) Is it intended to still permit these buildings to remain unused, or to make some use of them?  
 (6.) Has it occurred to the Government that, with the advantages of an adjoining harbour in Trial Bay, these costly buildings might be put to some use?

Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1, 3, and 4.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to the information previously furnished in reply to a Question asked by him on this subject on 11th November, 1908.  
 (2.) The decision to close the prison was that of the Government of the day.  
 (5 and 6.) No suitable use for the buildings has yet been found.

(4.) Maintenance of Roads in Country Districts:—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, under the present policy of the Government, the Secretary for Public Works is called upon to provide large sums of money for the construction and maintenance of necessary roads in country districts, and particularly in new settlement?  
 (2.) Is it also a fact that the chief damage to the roads in some districts is caused by teams engaged in the timber industry, and that the timber contributes nothing towards the construction or upkeep of the roads?  
 (3.) Is it also a fact that the whole of the revenue from the forests is retained by the Forestry Department, and that no contribution is made therefrom to the upkeep of roads which are now constructed and maintained partly by the owners of land and partly by the Secretary for Public Works?  
 (4.) Will he consider the advisability of making some arrangements by which a sum, equal at least to the amount received in royalty in any district, shall be handed over to the local Shire Council for road work, irrespective of the usual subsidy from the Works Department?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A variable sum is provided by Lands and Works Departments to meet the cost of constructing roads giving access to Crown lands in closer settlement areas.  
 (2.) Timber traffic does cause the chief damage to roads in some districts, and contributes little or nothing directly towards the construction or upkeep of such roads.  
 (3.) The revenue received by the Forestry Department from timber licenses is paid into the Treasury in common with other items of State income.  
 (4.) No; as the nature of the traffic and the expense in connection with these roads are factors in determining the classification of the Shires concerned, but where special cases of hardship or damage occur owing to unforeseen causes, and not provided for in the endowment, the Government deals with each case on its merits and makes a grant accordingly from the Vote given to "Assist Shires and Municipalities."

(5.) Royalty on Timber:—Mr. Briner asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, when the question of royalties was being reconsidered early in the year, representations were made to him that any increase in royalties on timbers from conditional purchase lease areas already under occupation would be unjust, and would be equivalent to a breach of contract?  
 (2.) In the case of pine, was the royalty increased from 6d. to 1s., and subsequently reduced to 9d. per 100 feet?  
 (3.) Did he direct in a letter, dated 17th March, 1910, "No. 1910/1899 F.," that regulations should be made to reduce the royalty on these tenures by 33 per cent., which would mean merely the maintaining of the old rate of 6d. per 100 feet?  
 (4.) Will he give instructions to the effect that 6d. per 100 feet shall be the maximum royalty on pine taken from conditional purchase leases or other tenures held prior to February, 1909, and that for other timbers on the same lands the royalties shall be at the old rates?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.  
 (3.) The letter referred to was an intimation to the Secretary, Sawmillers' Vend, that some such provision would be made by regulation, which was subsequently enacted to read:—"On approval of the Minister, a rebate of royalty not exceeding 33 per cent. of the rates prescribed may be allowed on timber sold from land held under any tenure from the Crown which requires the payment of royalty."  
 (4.) This could not be done in terms of the regulation, but I will undertake to consider on their merits all applications for rebate from holders of such lands.

(6.) Overhead Bridge, Redfern Station:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that several workmen employed at the Eveleigh Workshops have lost their lives through crossing the lines in order to catch the suburban train?  
 (2.) Will he interview the Chief Commissioner for Railways with a view to the erection of a bridge over the lines at the western end of Redfern Station for the accommodation of the workmen employed at the Eveleigh Workshops?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) During the past nineteen years three accidents occurred near Redfern Station, in which railway employees lost their lives when crossing the lines. There is, however, another route, by which the men have not to cross these lines.  
 (2.) This matter is having consideration.

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- (7.) Voting Facilities to Railway Employees :—Mr. Ashford asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that certain railway employees have had to travel thirteen miles to record their votes on the 13th April last, and were only allowed one hour to do so?
  - (2.) Will he make provision to allow a longer time at General Elections?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware.
  - (2.) Reasonable time will be allowed.
- (8.) Free Education :—Mr. Mercer asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) With reference to the Government's decision to have free secondary education, will he state from what date it will take effect?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make primary education free by providing all writing materials and stationery used by the children attending the State schools?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) An announcement of the date will be made at an early date.
  - (2.) Writing materials and stationery used by the children only in school, and not for personal and individual use at home, are supplied by the Department.
- (9.) Public School, Sevenoaks, Macleay District :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the public school buildings at Sevenoaks, Macleay District, have been condemned?
  - (2.) Is it proposed to provide new buildings?
  - (3.) Has any petition been received concerning the matter; if so, what action has been taken?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) The buildings are old and in disrepair, and the site has been encroached upon by floods.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Yes, but before receipt of that petition, it had been decided to purchase a new site for the school. When the land has been conveyed to the Department, the erection of buildings, for which tenders have been received, will be proceeded with.
- 10.) Improved Sheep Truck :—Mr. Thomas asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Chief Railway Commissioner had a sheep truck fitted in the New Zealand style; if so, are the results of the trial satisfactory, and a distinct improvement on the gratings system of sheep truck at present in use?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—A sheep van was fitted with grating floors similar to the system obtaining in New Zealand, and the results have been satisfactory. New vans under construction are also being provided with grating floors.
- (11.) Appointments under the Justices (Amendment) Act :—Mr. Dacey asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Will he ascertain from the Public Service Board the cause of the delay in appointing a Chairman of the Bench of Stipendiary Magistrates, also the Members of the Licensing Court, in accordance with the Justices (Amendment) Act, passed during last Session, and assented to on the 20th December, 1909?
  - (2.) When will the appointments be made?
- Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following reply :—These matters are receiving attention, and the appointments will probably be made at an early date.
- (12.) Mining Accident, Helensburgh :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Mines,—With reference to the Inspector's report of the recent mining accident at Helensburgh, referred to in answer to a Question of the Honorable Member for Wollongong, Mr. Nicholson, can he state whether any of the injured men, or other miners concerned, gave any evidence or information; and, if so, which and how many?
- Mr. Wood answered,—None of the injured men gave evidence, but several workmen employed both underground and on the surface furnished information.
- (13.) Interest paid to Government Savings Bank on Fixed Deposits in other Banks :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the annual rate of interest paid to the Government Savings Bank by—(a) The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Limited) on £150,000 placed with it at fixed deposit; (b) Bank of New South Wales on £50,000 placed with it at fixed deposit; (c) Bank of North Queensland on £10,000 placed with it at fixed deposit; (d) Royal Bank of Queensland on £10,000 placed with it at fixed deposit?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—The Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank have furnished me with the following replies :—(a) 3½ per cent.; (b) 3½ per cent.; (c) 4 per cent.; (d) 4 per cent.; but this last deposit has been repaid.
- (14.) Fisheries Inspector Newton, Clarence River :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When was Frederick Thomas Newton first appointed an Inspector under the Fisheries Board?
  - (2.) Was he sent to the Clarence River; if so, when?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that since he has been stationed at the Clarence River his brother-in-law has acquired oyster leases at the Clarence River; and, if so, how many?
  - (4.) Did Mr. Newton's brother recently apply for leases which were not granted?
  - (5.) Were any leases previously granted to this applicant?
  - (6.) Is it a fact that Inspector Newton is interested in oyster leases on the Clarence, and was a complaint made to this effect; and, if so, with what result?

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- (7.) Is it a fact that Inspector Newton was recently instructed to leave the Clarence to take charge of another district; and, if so, did he obey the instructions?
- (8.) Is Mr. F. T. Newton still in the Service, and where is he stationed; and is it a fact that he will shortly retire or be retired?
- (9.) Is this Inspector Newton a brother to Harold Victor Newton who was concerned in the "Malouf" case discussed in the Legislative Assembly in 1909?
- (10.) Is that gentleman also in the Service; and, if so, where?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Board of Fisheries has informed me as follows:—

- (1.) 16th February, 1900.
- (2.) Yes; on the 24th July, 1905.
- (3.) Yes; seven.
- (4.) Yes; two applications were refused.
- (5.) Yes; by way of transfer.
- (6.) A complaint was made and an inquiry was held by the Fisheries Department, upon which it was determined that there was no reason to suspect that Inspector Newton was interested in oyster leases.
- (7.) He has been requested to make arrangements for removal to Manning River, but is being retained temporarily to meet Departmental requirements at Clarence River.
- (8.) Yes; at Palmer's Island. The Department has no knowledge of any such intention.
- (9.) Yes.
- (10.) No.

(15.) Political Leaflets—Case of McKye, Baker:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a printed statement has been issued by the Labour Party and is being circulated to the effect that, in the case of the baker, McKye, of North Sydney (heard before Judge Heydon), for several breaches of the Industrial Disputes Act's Award, "Judge Heydon fined him (McKye) £10 for each offence; total £150, or two months in gaol. Later "on . . . Mr. Wade reduced the fine by half, that is, £75. The wages the offender "deprived the man of amounted to £79 9s., so that by Mr. Wade reducing the fine to £75, the "baker was £4 9s. in pocket"?
- (2.) Is this latter statement true; and is it a fact that in addition to payment of the fine of £75, McKye had to pay the back wages of £79 9s., and costs?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) I have seen a leaflet containing this statement.
- (2.) The Court did not make any order for payment of wages; but, in addition to the fines, defendant was required to pay costs amounting to £21.

(16.) Ferry Traffic, Bennelong Point:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that harbour ferry steamers passing out of Circular Quay in the neighbourhood of Bennelong Point are subject to the possibilities of accidents, owing to the horse-ferry boats not giving a whistle of warning on leaving their dock in this neighbourhood?
- (2.) Is it a fact that some time ago horse-ferry steamers were compelled to sound a whistle on leaving dock as a warning to passenger steamers coming out of the Quay at Bennelong Point; has this practice been discontinued; if so, when, and why, and will steps be taken by the proper Harbour authorities, in the interest of public safety, to restore the regulation?
- (3.) Is it a fact that passenger steamers leaving the Quay at 5.30 p.m. daily, and passing in the neighbourhood of Bennelong Point, are estimated to carry 7,000 persons?
- (4.) Has any decision been yet arrived at in regard to the proposed construction of wharfage accommodation at Bennelong Point; and, if not, will the Sydney Harbour Trust authorities cause an inquiry as to the utility, or otherwise, of such construction from the evidence of practical ferry masters on its dangers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) No.
- (4.) The whole question is under the consideration of the Government, but no decision has been arrived at.

(17.) Dispensing by Friendly Societies' and Similar Dispensaries:—Mr. Thomas asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he seen statutory declarations, one of which was made before Mr. James McGowen, J.P., to the effect that it has been the practice of the Sydney United Friendly Societies' Dispensary to dispense doctors' prescriptions not in accordance with the British Pharmacopœia, as directed by the Public Health Act and the Pure Food Act, and will he consider whether this affects the health of 95,260 patients, which number is taken from their own statement?
- (2.) Does that declaration assert that this Dispensary habitually substitutes glycerine for alcohol (in the head Dispensary) in tinctures, &c., which are specially ordered to be made with alcohol, in accordance with the British Pharmacopœia, and substitutes methylated spirits for 90 per cent. alcohol in many preparations, such as iodine tincture and liniment; and is he aware that such methylated preparations are highly injurious to the patients?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Sydney United Friendly Societies' Dispensary has published in their Annual Report, and issued circulars canvassing the lodges, that they supply the best of medicines; in fact, all the doctors order, regardless of the cost?
- (4.) Does the Annual Report assert further that, contrary to the foregoing assertion, the Dispensary has substituted cheap medicines of inferior quality, instead of carrying out the instructions of the doctors' orders; for instance, substituting, among many others, cheaper preparations costing 3s. 6d. per lb., instead of Hewlitt's mistura pepsine cocum bismuth, costing 16s. per lb.?
- (5.) Does the Government subsidise the Dispensary, directly or indirectly, and to what amount?

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(6.) Has the Government given the Dispensary assistance, either in the shape of money, or by granting block or blocks of property, or by assisting them to build dispensaries, and to what extent?

(7.) Is he aware that the Dispensary has returned about 17½ per cent. as a bonus or dividend to the affiliated lodges, and has the Dispensary made such profit by adopting the practice of substituting cheaper drugs than allowed by the Pure Food Act in private pharmacies?

(8.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue to grant funds to this Dispensary?

(9.) Is it a fact that the dispenser who made the declaration referred to before Mr. James McGowen, J.P., has been dismissed since making the declaration?

(10.) Will he consider the serious nature of the statements made in the statutory declaration, and ascertain whether the Dispensary supplies its own stock mixtures, whether these are deficient 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. of the quality of the infusions where the doctor has ordered full strength, and will he agree to the Government appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the working of the Sydney United Friendly Societies' Dispensary and similar institutions?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Dispensers are bound by sections 12 (4) and 13 (1) of the Pure Food Act to compound medicines with pure and unadulterated drugs which, if they are known by a name included in the British Pharmacopœia, must comply with the descriptions and tests therein mentioned, unless included in a list of exceptions approved by the Minister. By *Gazette* notice of 11th May, 1910, approval was given for the compounding of certain liniments with methylated spirit instead of spirit of wine; and certain other exemptions have been made by regulation.

(3 and 4.) I have not seen the report and circulars referred to.

(5.) No.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) The returns to the Registrar of Friendly Societies do not disclose this.

(8.) I cannot say at present.

(9.) I am not aware.

(10.) The matter will receive consideration.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Latimer, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Hospital for the Insane, Orange*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Hospital for the Insane, Orange.

(2.) *Sewerage for Botany and North Botany*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Sewerage for Botany and North Botany.

(3.) *Sewerage for Municipality of Bathurst*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Tyree Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a deepwater Harbour at Port Kembla.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM REFERENDUM BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wood, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.*

*Message No. 36.*

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 submit to a referendum the question of the reduction of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fixing of the number of the Members of the Legislative Council, and other provisions to guard against deadlocks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

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

5. MACKEN ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the executors and the trustees for the time being of the will of James Joseph Macken to invest certain moneys belonging to the estate of the said James Joseph Macken in the purchase of shares in 'Mark Foy's (Limited),' and to retain the shares so purchased as investments of the funds of the said estate; to extend the powers of investment conferred by the said will upon the said trustees; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

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F. B. SUTTOR,

President.



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The House divided.

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Broughton,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. John Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Levy,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Ashford.
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. W. Millard.	
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Brown,	
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.	
Mr. Parkes,		
Mr. Morton,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; 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 Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 17th August, 1910, a.m.*14. FIRE BRIGADES AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Wood, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Wood then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 17th August, 1910, a.m.*

15. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

And the House continuing to sit after Mid-day,—

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Mr. McGowen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" with a view to adding at the end thereof the words "this day six months."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 23.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Davidson,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. James,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Hoilis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Briner.	Mr. Ashford,
Sir James Graham,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Downes,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Gilbert.	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Henley,		Mr. Carmichael.

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

Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

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Question then,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 23.	Tellers,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Moore,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Downes,	Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Ashford,	
Sir James Graham,	Mr. W. Millard.	Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. McFarlane,		Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	Tellers,	Mr. Minahan.	
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Latimer,		
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Levy.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 22.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Moore,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. James,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Ashford,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. W. Millard.	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Robert Jones,		Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fallick,	Tellers,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Estell.
Sir James Graham,		Tellers,
Mr. Lonsdale,		Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Henley,		Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Robson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly, 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 at a later hour of the day.

16. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM REFERENDUM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit to a referendum the question of the reduction of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fixing of the number of the Members of the Legislative Council, and other provisions to guard against deadlocks; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

17. RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION 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 provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service and the Government Railways Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

RAILWAY

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th-19th August, 1910.

## RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 17th August, 1910.*JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "This Act shall not apply to any officer who at the commencement of the Act is a contributor to the superannuation account under the Civil Service Act of 1884."
- Page 2, clause 3, line 18. *Omit* "by the officers" *insert* "of whom two shall be elected by the officers in the railway service, and one by the officers in the tramway service"
- Page 5, clause 18, line 8. *Omit* "Officers" *insert* "Any officer"
- Page 5, clause 19, line 14. *After* "has" *insert* "in pursuance of the Government Railways Act, 1901"
- Page 5, clause 19, line 17. *After* "commencement" *insert* "elect either to,—  
" (a) hold such policy, in which case the provisions of the Government Railways Act, 1901, shall cease to apply to the same; or"
- Page 5, clause 19, line 18. *Omit* "the said" *insert* "such"
- Page 5, clause 19, line 20. *Omit* "Government Railways Act, 1901," *insert* "said Act"
- Page 5, clause 22, line 42. *Omit* "on the recommendation of the Board"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

## 18. FLEMINGTON TO BELMORE, AND WARDELL ROAD TO GLEBE ISLAND AND DARLING ISLAND RAILWAYS BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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19. PAPER:—Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Report of the Immigration and Tourist Bureau for period 31st August, 1907, to 31st December, 1909.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

20. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) 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 after Mid-day,—

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1910.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.



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21. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wood, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

CHELMSEBORD,  
Governor.

Message No. 37.

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, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th July, 1910.

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

22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs*):—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs.  
Ordered to be printed.

23. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Net Fishing (Port Hacking) Act, 1901; 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, 18th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th August, 1910.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "and shall commence on a date to be proclaimed."  
Page 4, clause 12, line 9. *After* "from" *insert* "an approximate"  
Page 4, clause 12, line 11. *After* "along" *insert* "an approximate"  
Page 4, clause 12, line 21. *Omit* "ten" *insert* "five"  
Page 4, clause 12, line 28. *After* "Act" *insert* "provided that they need not necessarily be  
"measured with a frontage along the approximate high-water mark"  
Page 6, clause 20. At end of clause *add* "Provided that no lawful fishing-net shall be forfeited  
"under the provisions of this section."  
Page 6, clause 22. *Omit* clause 22.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
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.

24. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—  
(1.) Mr. Wood (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House do immediately 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, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Wood then moved, 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 amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.  
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 amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes.  
On motion of Mr. Wood, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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## 25. FLEMINGTON TO BELMORE, AND WARDELL ROAD TO GLEBE ISLAND AND DARLING ISLAND RAILWAYS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Lee, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th August, 1910.

## 26. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION AREA RESUMPTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Lee (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 make certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906.

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 make certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906.

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

(3.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of certain land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 27. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Thomas, for the Temporary Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

28. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. David Storey, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Public Accounts Committee; together with Minutes of Evidence.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 29. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION AREA RESUMPTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 38.

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 certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906.

State Government House,

Sydney, 17th August, 1910.

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

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

(1.) Fire Brigades Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

(2.) Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Goods Railway from Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

(3.) Clerical Workers Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

CLERICAL WORKERS BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th August, 1910.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 3. Omit "class of" insert "or similar"

Page 2, clause 3, line 5. Before "clerks" insert "such"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
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.

(4.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars ; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 18th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th August, 1910.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 8, line 27. After "branches" insert "who are officers"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

31. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read—

Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Colonel Onslow,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. James,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Meehan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wood, *passed*.Mr. Wood then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 18th August, 1910.*

32. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wood, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1910, A.M.

## 33. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Public Service Board for 1909.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Amended and Additional Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 12th July, 1910,—"*Bridge over the Macintyre River, at Bukkulla.*"

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

34. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PART OF NANGUS ESTATE, NEAR GUNDAGAI:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owners, an area of 7,417 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Gundagai, being part of the Nangus Estate, together with any improvements thereon, at the price of £4 per acre. Question put and passed.
35. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—PORTION OF WARRAH ESTATE NEAR QUIRINDI:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, this House approves of the Governor resuming an area of 45,000 acres, more or less, of private land, situate near Quirindi, being portion of the Warrah Estate, included in an area covered by a notice of intended acquisition published in the *Government Gazette* of 1st July, 1910, together with any improvements thereon. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
36. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION AREA RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having inadvertently been fixed for the next sitting,—Mr. Wade asked that the consent of the House be obtained to the Order of the Day being now read. And there being no objection,—And the Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gilbert, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Lee, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906.*"

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 certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910, a.m.*

37. CLERICAL WORKERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gilbert, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute a tribunal to fix a minimum wage for persons engaged in clerical work; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910, a.m.*

38. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole 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. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910, a.m.*

39. RAILWAY SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker called the attention of the House to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this, a money Bill. In former times this House denied the right of the Council to amend any money Bill, but of late years that view had been considerably modified; he had looked carefully into the whole matter and consulted several precedents, and as the amendments seemed to further the intentions of this House, in his opinion, they might be accepted without loss of privilege.

On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Mid-day,—

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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.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide superannuation allowances and gratuities for persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; to amend the Acts regulating the Public Service and the Government Railways Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.*

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40. SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole 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.

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

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for a Saturday half-holiday every Saturday in shops; and to amend the law with regard to the early closing of shops; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.

41. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—

(1.) That, pursuant to the provisions of section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, Schedule One of that Act, as amended by subsection two of section ten of the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, be further amended,—

(a) by the addition thereto in their appropriate places of the following boards:—

Board.	Industries and employees in industries.
Druggists... ..	Employees in wholesale drug factories and stores, other than office assistants, storemen and packers, and lift attendants.
Iron-mines ... ..	Miners and other persons employed in and about iron-mines.
Meat-packing, canning, and preserving works.	Persons employed in such works.
Mineral oil extraction ...	Persons employed in the industries of treating shale for the extraction of kerosene oil, benzine, naphtha, or any other of the products of shale.
Municipal and shire councils.	Employees of municipal and shire councils and employees of contractors with municipal and shire councils, not being employees otherwise included in this Schedule.
Quarries ... ..	Quarrymen and scabblers employed on, in, or about quarries, and quarry-gutterers.
Warehouses ... ..	Persons employed in such houses other than in a clerical capacity, exclusive of watchmen, caretakers, and cleaners.
Watchmen, caretakers, and cleaners.	Watchmen, caretakers, and cleaners employed in or in connection with any place of business.

(b) by making the following amendments in the second column thereof:—

- (1) Furniture trade, *after* the words "makers of mattresses (other than wire)" *add* "and makers of blinds"
- (2) Iron trades, *after* "and iron trades" *add* "including workers on gas meters and gas-meter makers"
- (3) Printing, *after* "bookbinders" *insert* "guillotine machine cutters"
- (4) Unskilled labourers, *after* "platelayers" *add* "and labourers employed in connection with the erection, repair, or maintenance of lifts, or in and about slaughter-houses and meat preserving works"
- (5) Wire netting, *after* "workers in that industry" *add* "and in the industry of barbed-wire, and other wire-workers"

(c) by making the following amendments in the first and second columns thereof:—

Copper, silver, and gold mines, *after* "silver" in first column *insert* "tin," and *after* "mines" in second column *add* "including persons employed in connection with any dredging or sluicing process in or about such mines"

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—

(1.) That, pursuant to the provisions of section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, Schedule One of that Act, as amended by subsection two of section ten of the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, be further amended,—

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Meat-packing, canning, and preserving works.	Persons employed in such works.
Mineral oil extraction ...	Persons employed in the industries of treating shale for the extraction of kerosene oil, benzine, naphtha, or any other of the products of shale.

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Municipal councils	...	Employees of municipal councils and employees of contractors with municipal councils, not being employees otherwise included in this Schedule.
Quarries	...	Quarrymen and scabblers employed on, in, or about quarries, and quarry-gutterers.
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Watchmen, caretakers, and cleaners.	...	Watchmen, caretakers, and cleaners employed in or in connection with any place of business.

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(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the resolution with amendments.

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

(3.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wade, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having, in accordance with section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, this day passed a resolution to further amend Schedule One of that Act, as amended by subsection two of section ten of the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908,—transmits the said resolution to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE.

*This Resolution originated in the Legislative Assembly, and having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*

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Sydney, 19th August, 1910.

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

That, pursuant to the provisions of section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, Schedule One of that Act, as amended by subsection two of section ten of the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1908, be further amended,—

(a) by the addition thereto in their appropriate places of the following boards:—

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(5) Wire-netting, after "workers in that industry" add "and in the industry of barbed-wire, and other wire-workers"

- (c) by making the following amendments in the first and second columns thereof:—  
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42. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Three o'clock p.m., This Day.  
Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Closer Settlement Promotion Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 39.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to promote the sale of private land under closer settlement conditions; to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Macken Estate Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No 40.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the executors and the trustees for the time being of the will of James Joseph Macken to invest certain moneys belonging to the estate of the said James Joseph Macken in the purchase of shares in 'Mark Foy's (Limited),' and to retain the shares so purchased as investments of the funds of the said estate; to extend the powers of investment conferred by the said will upon the said trustees; 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.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 41.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Workmen's Compensation Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 42.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Royal Navy Recreation Ground Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 43.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to vest certain land in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in trust for a recreation ground for the Royal Navy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(6.) Diseased Animals and Meat (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 44.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 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 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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The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after One o'clock (on Friday, 19th) until Three o'clock This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1910.

## 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent in consequence of illness, and read a letter from him stating that he was confined to his bed suffering from an attack of influenza, and asking the House to excuse his non-attendance.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

## 2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public Servants' Salaries, Sydney Harbour Trust :—*Mr. Gilbert*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the recent apportionment of the salary increases in the Sydney Harbour Trust Head Office has occasioned a good deal of dissatisfaction among the officials there?

(2.) On what basis or principle were such increases given?

(3.) Will he obtain a return from the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, giving the names of all officers who did and who did not receive increases for this and for last year, with the salaries of each, and the increases in each case?

(4.) Is it a fact that at least one young unmarried officer received an increase of £50 per annum this year, while other officers with families only received £5 per annum increases; and, if so, why?

(5.) Will he consider the advisability of distributing the increases on a different basis?

(6.) Did the answer by the Premier, on 11th August, to the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark's Question, that £15 per annum increases were to be given to all officers in the Professional and Clerical Divisions throughout every Department in the Service, include the Harbour Trust?

(7.) Were the increases given by the Harbour Trust Commissioners in anticipation of the Premier's action, or supplementary to it?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners inform me that they have apportioned the increases to officers after mature consideration, and that it is open to any dissatisfied officer to appeal to them.

(2.) Salaries of Attendants, Hospitals for the Insane :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. James, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a considerable amount of dissatisfaction exists in the lower grades of the Civil Service over the distribution of the increase promised them?

(2.) Is it a fact that the attendants at the Hospitals for the Insane are only receiving increases from £4 to £6 per year?

(3.) Will he see that the desires of the Government in regard to the increases of these attendants are liberally interpreted by those responsible for such distribution?

(4.) Will he state what procedure is to be adopted in order to bring these officers up to the maximum provided?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Honorable Member's Question escaped my notice until it was too late for me to furnish a formal reply; but on looking at the Honorable Member's Question there seems to be some misconception as to how far these allowances and increases are to be applied to the public servants referred to. I give the Honorable Member my assurance to have the whole matter looked into, to see if there are any grounds for dissatisfaction, and what those grounds are.

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- (3.) Training of Forestry Officers :—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
- (1.) Has any scheme been suggested or adopted, with a view to providing a trained staff for outdoor work, as well as indoor work, in connection with the Forestry Branch?
  - (2.) Are any cadets employed by the Department; and, if so, how many, and when were they appointed?
  - (3.) What term is served by a cadet, and at the end of the term how is he graded?
  - (4.) Is it proposed to continue this system; and, if so, upon what conditions?
  - (5.) Is it intended to establish a school or college of any kind for the training of forestry officers?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) The whole matter of education and training of staff is at present under consideration by the Public Service Board, who have appointed a committee to inquire into and report to them on the subject.
  - (2 and 3.) No cadets are at present employed by the Department.
  - (4.) Yes; but the conditions will depend upon the curriculum adopted on the report of the committee referred to.
  - (5.) It is contemplated to make provision for the training of students in the science and practice of forestry.
- (4.) Lease granted to Bryant, Dorrigo District :—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a lease, of any kind, of land in the County of Fitzroy, Land District of Bellingen (Kempsey), has been granted to any one named Bryant in the Dorrigo District?
  - (2.) If so, what is the full name of the lessee, and the particulars of the lease?
- Mr. Moore answered,—No record can be traced of a lease having been granted.
- (5.) Sale of Allotments, Deer Park, near Dorrigo :—*Mr. Morton*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has survey been completed in regard to the proposed sale of town or village allotments at Deer Park, near Dorrigo?
  - (2.) When will auction sale take place?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The District Surveyor's report is expected this month, and, when received, action towards auction sale will be expedited.

- (6.) Water Conservation Works :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount has been expended in water conservation works from 30th June, 1907, to 30th June, 1910?
  - (2.) What is the estimated amount required to complete works now in course of construction?
- Mr. Lee answered,—I will have a return prepared, supplying this information, and forward a copy to the Honorable Member.

- (7.) Harbour Works :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount has been expended in carrying out harbour works from 30th June, 1907, to 30th June, 1910?
  - (2.) What amount has been expended in dredging the coastal rivers for the same period?
- Mr. Lee answered,—This information will need to be prepared in the form of a return, and cannot be ready until next week, when it will be supplied to the Honorable Member.

- (8.) Salaries of Nurses in Asylums :—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the answer to a Question by the Honorable Member for Granville, Mr. Nobbs, on 30th June last, with respect to increases of salaries to nurses in Asylums, has the matter been considered; if so, with what result?

Mr. Wood answered,—Increases will be granted to permanent hands.

- (9.) Land made available for Settlement, Clarence District :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the total area of land that was made available for settlement in the counties of Clarence, Drake, Gresham, and Fitzroy, for the three years ending 30th June, 1910?
  - (2.) What area has been taken up by conditional purchase, additional conditional purchase, conditional lease, and homestead selection, for same period?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) 3,362,292 acres, exclusive of cancelled reserves, which became available for ordinary conditional purchase and conditional lease at £1 per acre.
  - (2.) Conditional purchases (original and additional), 1,054,703 acres; conditional leases and additional conditional leases, 2,364,790 acres; homestead selections (original and additional), 238,877 acres.
- (10.) Harbour Improvements, Newcastle :—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount has been expended up to the 31st December last in carrying out harbour improvements at the Port of Newcastle?
- Mr. Lee answered,—The information will be prepared in the form of a return, and furnished to the Honorable Member.

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(11.) Subdivision of Conditional Purchase 64/2231, County Raleigh :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was an application submitted to him for consent to subdivide Conditional Purchase 64/2231, Kempsey, being portion 20, parish of Congarini, county of Raleigh?
- (2.) When was such application made?
- (3.) Has anything been done in the matter; and, if so, what?
- (4.) Is he aware that the delay is causing inconvenience and irritation to those directly interested?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) On 23rd March, 1910.
- (3.) On 4th July, 1910, subdivision as applied for was approved subject to payment of costs and survey. Instructions for survey were issued on 30th July.
- (4.) I am not aware, but instructions have been given for the survey to be expedited.

(12.) Bankruptcy Proceedings—Arrest of Plowman :—Mr. Briner asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named Plowman was imprisoned, by order of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, some time ago in connection with certain proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court?
- (2.) How long was Plowman imprisoned, and for what reason?
- (3.) Is he still in prison?
- (4.) Is he a married man?
- (5.) Is it a fact that he applied to be released in order to appeal to another Court; and, if so, was his application granted?
- (6.) Was Plowman dealt with by any Magistrate, or Judge, or jury, other than the Registrar in Bankruptcy?
- (7.) Has the Registrar in Bankruptcy the power to imprison a man indefinitely without any reference to any other Court; and, if so, what is the remedy, if any, open to the person so dealt with?

Mr. Wade answered,—My Colleague, the Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following replies :—

- (1.) Plowman was arrested under warrant issued by the Registrar for failure to attend examination under Section 30 of the Bankruptcy Act.
- (2.) Plowman was brought before the Judge in Bankruptcy on 26th October last, and was committed to prison for refusing to answer questions relating to his bankruptcy.
- (3.) No; he answered the questions on 12th instant, and was discharged by the Judge in Bankruptcy.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) (a) Yes; (b) No.
- (6.) By the Judge in Bankruptcy only.
- (7.) The Registrar is empowered by section 143 (f) of the Bankruptcy Act to exercise the power of committal and discharge contained in section 31 of the Act. The remedy is to do the thing required, e.g., answer a question held to be lawful by the Judge in Bankruptcy.

(13.) Residence Conditions on certain Holdings, District of Bellingen :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Who are the holders of portions 13 and 40, parishes of Stewart and Ucombe, county Fitzroy, Land District of Bellingen (Kempsey)?
- (2.) Do the holders reside, or have they a suspension or remission of the residence condition; and, if so, is it an unconditional suspension or remission, or must improvements be carried out?
- (3.) Is it a fact that portion 40 has a frontage to the main Coramba-Dorrigo Road, and that a road of access runs through portion 13?
- (4.) If residence is not being carried out, and no improvements are being effected, will he explain why such is the case?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Portion 13, parish of Stewart, is held by Thomas Navin as Conditional Purchase Lease 1909-10, Bellingen, of 278 acres, and portion 40, parish of Ucombe, is held by Miss Eva Coyle as Conditional Purchase Lease 1909-47, Bellingen, of 169½ acres.
- (2 and 4.) T. Navin has been granted an extension of time to 18th June, 1911, to commence residence, by which date 90 acres are to be planted with pasture, and a dwelling to the value of £50 is to be erected. Eva Coyle has not applied for a suspension of residence. Her holding was only confirmed in October last, and no inspection has yet been made.
- (3.) Yes.

(14.) Showground, Bellingen :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What steps have been taken to acquire certain land at Bellingen for the purposes of a showground?
- (2.) When is it expected that the necessary action will be completed?
- (3.) Will action be expedited as much as possible?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The Government has agreed to bear half the cost of the purchase, at an approved price, of a site for showground at Bellingen.
- (2.) Further action awaits receipt of a copy of the contract for purchase as finally arranged by the Agricultural Association with the vendors and payment into the Treasury by the Association of the balance of its contribution towards the cost.
- (3.) Yes.

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- (15.) Trials for Breaches of Harbour Regulations:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that captains of ferry boats charged with breaches of Harbour Regulations are dealt with at Police Courts and not by a competent Judge or body of marine authority; and, if so, upon what authority?  
*Mr. Waddell* answered,—It is a fact that captains of ferry boats charged with breaches of Harbour Regulations are dealt with at Police Courts, and the authority for such prosecutions is contained in Section 90 of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (16.) Closer Settlement:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) What is the total area of land purchased or resumed for closer settlement from 30th June, 1907, to 30th June, 1910?  
 (2.) What has been the total cost?  
 (3.) What area has been sold; also the number of holdings?  
*Mr. Moore* answered,—I am sorry I have not got the information in answer to the Honorable Member's Question; but I will have it furnished to him.
- (17.) Railway Construction:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) What amount has been expended in railway construction from 30th June, 1907, to 30th June, 1910?  
 (2.) How many new lines have been sanctioned during the said period; also the estimated cost when completed?  
*Mr. Lee* answered,—  
 (1.) £1,577,020 8s. 11d.  
 (2.) Authorised by Parliament since June, 1907, six railways, estimated to cost £1,247,310.
- (18.) Crown Lands Made Available for Settlement:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) What is the area of Crown lands made available for conditional purchase, additional conditional purchase, conditional lease, and homestead selection, from 30th June, 1907, to 30th June, 1910?  
 (2.) What is the area taken up under each class of holding during the period mentioned?  
*Mr. Moore* answered,—It will take several days to collect this information, and I will have it conveyed to the Honorable Member.
- (19.) Chief Commissioner for Railways:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) On what date did *Mr. T. R. Johnson* first arrive in Sydney to take up the duties of Chief Commissioner for Railways?  
 (2.) What salary does he receive, and how much per annum for expenses?  
 (3.) When did he leave the State on his recent tour?  
 (4.) Did he go on private or public business, and did he receive full salary while absent from the State?  
 (5.) How long was he absent, and did he receive or will he receive any expenses for the holiday just concluded?  
*Mr. Waddell* answered,—  
 (1.) 4th April, 1907, since when the Chief Commissioner has only been absent on leave one month.  
 (2.) Salary, £3,000 per annum. No sum fixed for expenses.  
 (3.) 26th April, 1910.  
 (4.) On private business, but the opportunity was availed of to deal with Departmental matters when in England.  
 (5.) Fifteen weeks. No expenses were allowed.
- (20.) Leave of Absence, Dredge Employees:—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Premier,—Is it proposed to extend the privilege of six months' leave of absence after twenty years' service to all officers in the General Division, with the exception of the Dredge Service; if so, why are the officers of the Dredge Service specially denied the privilege?  
*Mr. Wade* answered,—The Public Service Board have informed me that it is proposed to grant the privilege of extended leave to officers of the General Division other than the Dredge Service. Further representations with regard to the Dredge Service have, however, been brought before the Board, and are now under consideration.
- (21.) Demand for Land, Subdivision of Large Leases:—*Mr. Meehan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that recently eighteen blocks of land were thrown open near Walgett, and that there were 361 applicants for same?  
 (2.) Are there large areas of land suitable for settlement in this district now held under Western Lands Leases and other pastoral tenures?  
 (3.) Will he consider the necessity of withdrawing some of these lands from leases held by large landholders, so that men who require small pastoral holdings may acquire them, especially near the railways?  
*Mr. Moore* answered,—  
 (1.) There were eighteen blocks offered, for which 359 applicants applied.  
 (2.) The whole of the lands in the Walgett North District are held under Western Lands Lease. The areas from which withdrawals could be made to provide living areas are:—Angledool, containing 85,108 acres; Bangheet, 111,023 acres; Goondubui, 197,327 acres; and Yeranbah, 110,929 acres.  
 (3.) The matter is under consideration.

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(22.) Parish Maps for Schools:—*Mr. Carmichael*, for *Mr. Lynch*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he have supplied to all schools within the State a map of the parish in which such schools are situated?
- (2.) Will he consider whether it would be an educational advantage?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—

- (1.) Arrangements have already been made for the supply of these maps.
- (2.) Consideration is given to all matters likely to be educationally advantageous.

(23.) Approach to Coledale Railway Station:—*Mr. Carmichael*, for *Mr. Nicholson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the people of Coledale have no right-of-way, or road, to the railway platform?
- (2.) Is it a fact that every person travelling by train to or from Coledale has to commit a trespass, and also to climb over, or pass through, the fence in order to reach the existing platform?
- (3.) Did the Chief Commissioner for Railways promise a deputation of Coledale residents and others, to commence building a station before the end of last year?
- (4.) If so, why was the promise not complied with?
- (5.) When may the residents of Coledale expect to get the necessary accommodation?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I understand this is the case.
- (3, 4, and 5.) No. He promised to do so when funds were available.

(24.) Transfer of Railway Employees from Newcastle during Coal Strike:—*Mr. Grahame* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many guards, shunters, and porters were transferred from Newcastle District during the recent coal strike to other districts, and how many received expenses while away from home, and how many did not receive expenses, and did some receive the expenses while others did not?
- (2.) For what reason were the away-from-home expenses not paid to the traffic employees while away from home during the recent coal strike as in accordance with the Government Railways and Tramways Traffic Wages Staff Board issued on the 29th December, 1909?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—This information is being prepared and will be forwarded to the Honorable Member at an early date.

(25.) Site for Tennis Courts, Bowraville:—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What decision, if any, has been arrived at in regard to an application made some time ago for a site for tennis courts at Bowraville?
- (2.) Can the matter be expedited?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

- (1.) A decision has not yet been arrived at. Further consideration of the matter awaits reply to reference made to the Police authorities as to whether the land applied for is required for police purposes.
- (2.) Action will be expedited as much as possible.

(26.) Low-lying Areas, Marrickville:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Board of Health condemned many low-lying properties upon Marrickville flats as unfit for habitation?
- (2.) Are many of these properties occupied by small dwelling-houses?
- (3.) Has the Board ordered these owners to build up their allotments from two to eight feet above present level?
- (4.) Has he considered whether it is possible for these people to lift their houses?
- (5.) Has the question of these people being without financial means to comply with the demand been considered?
- (6.) Has the question of the streets and roads becoming swamps and water-ways in rainy weather, if these allotments are thus raised above them, or the question of approach to the houses been considered?
- (7.) Has he considered whether it is possible for the owners and residents to comply, either from a financial or an engineering point of view?
- (8.) Will the Government consider the question of resuming the low-lying properties referred to, from Marrickville-Sydenham Railway Line to Cook's River, for purposes of railway management?
- (9.) Will the Government instruct the Board to withhold any further action until the position of the people referred to is further considered?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—The matter will be inquired into. I may say that this subject has been under my consideration for some time, and I have already gone into it very thoroughly. It is a very difficult question, and it is made still more difficult by the recent floods which occurred at Marrickville.

(27.) Allowances to Country Police:—*Mr. Meehan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Police Department is circularising country officers regarding the allowances now being paid on account of high cost of living, with a view of reducing same to a large extent, and thus nullifying the action of the Government in granting an increase in pay to those officers?
- (2.) If such be the case, will he take any action in the matter?

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Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) No. Information has been asked from the various Superintendents of Police in the State as to the cost of living at places where the district allowance is now paid, and at places where no allowance is paid. One object is to see if allowances should not be granted at places where they are not at present paid.

(2.) Any recommendation of the Inspector-General will be duly considered.

(28.) Night Watchmen :—Mr. Page asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some night watchmen are allowed one night a month off duty, and others doing similar duty are not allowed the night off?

(2.) Will he extend the same privilege to all night watchmen doing duty on public buildings?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Public Service Board state that they are not aware whether such a practice exists, but inquiries are being made into the whole question.

(29.) Officers of the Land Titles Branch, Registrar-General's Office :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that officers of the Land Titles Branch have been deprived of two years' back pay consequent on the resignations and deaths of Messrs Bucknell, Muddle, and Kelleher?

(2.) Is it a fact that the officers who should have participated in the above and are actually doing the work, are overlooked, whereas officers who would not have participated have received large increases?

(3.) When are the appeals in connection with the above to be heard, and will the appellants be allowed the privilege of those who wish to employ Counsel?

(4.) Is it a fact that salaries caused by resignations and deaths are allowed to accumulate, and is there a report by a sub-Board condemning the practice?

(5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Hurley's salary has been filled; if not, will steps be taken to see that the officers interested receive their due promotion?

(6.) Will he see in future that all vacancies are expeditiously filled, and not allowed to lapse as hitherto?

Mr. Wade answered,—Owing to shortness of notice, I am not prepared to answer these Questions.

(30.) Isolation Block, Newcastle Hospital :—Mr. Gilbert asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Isolation Block, Newcastle Hospital?

Mr. Lee answered,—Tenders will probably be invited in the *Gazette* of 7th September proximo.

(31.) Suction Gas Pumping Plant, Wentworth Irrigation Area :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—Has the report *re* installation of gas suction plant, and the losses caused to the settlers by insufficient delivery of water, yet been received from the officer sent specially to Wentworth; if so, will he allow the Honorable Member for The Murray, Mr. Scobie, to inspect same?

Mr. Perry answered,—I have received a report dealing with this matter. There has been no loss occasioned so far—perhaps owing to the weather conditions—but we are about to erect more powerful machinery, which will give a greater flow of water if they want it.

(32.) Supply of Maps to Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that his Department is supplying maps to the Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau free; and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Moore answered,—The monthly rainfall map of this State for the Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau is printed free of charge, but the stock of copies required for daily use will be paid for by the Commonwealth Government.

(33.) Seed Wheat supplied to Farmers :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) What amount is still due to his Department in respect of seed wheat supplied during the past twenty years to farmers, &c., in New South Wales?

(2.) What was the total amount written off owing to the recognised inability of the farmers in question to pay?

Mr. Perry answered,—The amount written off up to 30th June, 1910, £17,495 10s. 9d. Of this amount no less a sum than £10,029 13s. 3d. has been written off during the last three years. Other sums have since been written off. The balance now owing is £14,117 7s. 3d., and nearly the whole of this amount has been allowed to stand over until the end of this year, and in the meantime inquiries are being made as to the ability of the debtors to liquidate the amounts owing. In any cases where it is found that the debtor has gone under owing to bad seasons or drought, the claim is not pressed, and the amount of the debt invariably written off. The same course will be adopted in the future.

(34.) Wages of Painters, Technological Museum :—Mr. Cochran asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that two painters are employed at the Technological Museum, at £100 and £135 per annum, respectively?

(2.) Does the Award of the Painters Wages Board specify £3 per week (£156 per year)?

(3.) If so, will he conform to the Award, and pay the difference in wages?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) There is only one such employee at the Museum, and his duties are those of attendant and painter, being only partially engaged in the latter work. His salary is £135 per annum.

(2 and 3.) The position is not an analogous one, but the question raised will receive consideration.

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(35.) Loan to Mr. A. C. Carmichael from Advances to Settlers' Board :—Colonel Onslow asked the Colonial Treasurer, —

- (1.) Did Mr. A. C. Carmichael obtain a loan from the Advances to Settlers' Board?
- (2.) What was the date, amount, purpose, and security offered?
- (3.) What became of the security?
- (4.) Was the advance ever repaid; and, if so, when?
- (5.) What steps were taken to secure the repayment of the advance?
- (6.) What was the result?

Mr. Waddell answered, — I am informed :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The date of the advance was 1st May, 1899, the amount £200, the purpose to pay off Crown dues, purchase stock, &c., and the security a conditional purchase of 640 acres and conditional lease of 1920 acres, Hillston District.
- (3.) The security was abandoned by the selector, and was subsequently forfeited by the Lands Department. The Crown dues owing at date of forfeiture amounted to £235 1s. 6d.
- (4.) The advance was repaid on 23rd January, 1908.
- (5 and 6.) In May, 1906, a Supreme Court judgment was obtained for the amount of the advance and interest due to date, none of the instalments having been met. The judgment not having been satisfied a bankruptcy notice was issued in December, 1907, as the result of which a settlement of the debt was effected as above stated.

(36.) Lands Cancelled by Royal Commission on the administration of the Lands Department :—  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, —

- (1.) Will he furnish this House with information as to the names and areas of lands granted under improvement lease, which were the subject of investigation before the Royal Commission presided over by Mr. Justice Owen?
- (2.) How many of these areas were cancelled, what were the names of those so cancelled, and the area of each individual block?
- (3.) How many of these areas have been thrown open for closer or other form of settlement, and how many settlers have been added to the list of holders of land by this means?

Mr. Moore answered, —

- (1 and 2.) The Honorable Member is referred to pages 11 to 27 of the report of the Royal Commission on the administration of the Lands Department, and to the summary in the report of proceedings under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906, pages 27 and 28.
- (3.) I shall endeavour to lay the return on the Table at a later hour of the evening giving the information; but if I do not get it in time I shall supply the information to the Honorable Member, or to any other Honorable Member, who is desirous to have it.

### 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table, — Regulations Nos. 232 and 233, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table, — Report of the Bureau of Microbiology for 1909.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table, — Report of the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, for 1909.

Ordered to be printed.

### 4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee*):—

Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, — Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee.

Ordered to be printed.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT :—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Burwood, Mr. Henley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., — "The action of certain officials connected with Trades Unions in compromising with employers charged with having committed breaches of Awards made by Wages Boards appointed under the Industrial Disputes Act of 1908."

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

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

*Points of Order* :—Mr. Cann submitted that the motion could not be entertained on several grounds, —

- (1) Because the subject had already been fully discussed during the debate on the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech.
- (2) Because the Honorable Member had had ample opportunity during the progress of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill; and
- (3) Because the motion was not definite.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker, in view of previous decisions, ruled the motion out of order on the ground of indefiniteness.



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6. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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. On motion of Mr. Wood, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Net Fishing (Port Hacking) Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.

7. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wood moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Wood, Mr. 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. Gilbert, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Mr. Wood, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

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

- (1.) Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area Resumption Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions in respect of the acquisition of land required for irrigation and other purposes in connection with the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

- (2.) Industrial Disputes Act—Amendment of Schedule One :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the resolution amending Schedule One of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, embodied in the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 19th August, 1910,—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

- (3.) Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly:

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F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 19th August, 1910.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 19. After line 41, insert the following new paragraph :—

- (a) Subsection one of section twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "continuous period of one year" the following words :—"or who has resided or had his principal place of abode within the Commonwealth of Australia for a continuous period of one year, and has during six months at least of such period resided or had his principal place of abode in New South Wales."

Examined,—

H. N. MACLAURIN,  
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

9. ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL OF SYDNEY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Wade, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental 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 incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (SECOND BALLOT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wood, 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. Wood, 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 Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906; and for other purposes.*"

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11. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Wood, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wood then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; 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 Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remainder of Government Business, and Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of General Business postponed until a later hour of the day.

13. WESLEY COLLEGE INCORPORATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robson 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. Robson, 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. Robson, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Robson, Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Robson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate Wesley College as a college within the University of Sydney; to empower the said University to grant certain lands to trustees for the purposes of such college; and to repeal the Act twenty-third Victoria, intituled 'An Act to incorporate Wesley College as a college within the University of Sydney.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

19th August, 1910.

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 Wesley College as a college within the University of Sydney; to empower the said University to grant certain lands to trustees for the purposes of such college; and to repeal the Act twenty-third Victoria, intituled 'An Act to incorporate Wesley College as a college within the University of Sydney,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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14. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Thomas, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
15. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Wade made a Ministerial Statement explaining the Business placed before the House at the present sitting.
16. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) 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 amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th August, 1910.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 19th August, 1910.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4. *After clause 16 add the following new clause:—*

Section five of the Principal Act is amended,—

- (a) by inserting after "manager" the words "or contractor for work in or about a mine."
- (b) by adding thereto the following subsection:—

(2) If any such owner, manager, or contractor fails to make any such deduction as above directed, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

- (2.) On motion of Mr. Wood, 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. Wood, 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 Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901; and for other purposes.*"

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency The Right Honourable FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON  
 to wit. } CHELMSFORD, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint  
 (L.S.) } Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its  
 CHELMSFORD, } Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.  
 Governor. }

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late 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, FREDERIC JOHN NAPIER, BARON CHELMSFORD, 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 twentieth day of September next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twentieth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

C. A. LEE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 20 AUGUST, 1910.)

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
2. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
3. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a scheme of Sewerage for Botany and North Botany, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
4. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a scheme of Sewerage for Vacluse, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
5. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that the erection of an Hospital for the Insane at Orange, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
6. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
7. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
8. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a line of Railway from Muswellbrook to Merriwa, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
9. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that the scheme of Water Supply from Umberumberka Creek for the City and District of Broken Hill, with Railway Connection from Silverton to the site of the proposed Dam on Umberumberka Creek, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
10. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that the scheme of Water Supply from the Nymboida River for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
11. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
12. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
13. MR. LEE to move, That it is expedient that the scheme for the completion of the Harbour Works at the Entrance to the Manning River, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitutional Reform Referendum Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit to a referendum the question of the reduction of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fixing of the number of the Members of the Legislative Council, and other provisions to guard against deadlocks; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. [*Mr. Wood.*]
2. Goulburn Sewerage Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Lee.*]
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CARMICHAEL to move, That the State schools should, where possible, be provided with gymnasiums and instructors, to be available to ex-pupils and others after working hours.
2. MR. ESTELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
  - (1.) The quantity of coal bought by the Government during the currency of the late coal strike from collieries where contracts had previously existed.
  - (2.) The amount of coal imported from foreign countries, and the amount paid for same.
  - (3.) The amount of coal obtained from Young Wallsend and Ebbw Main collieries, and prices paid for same.
3. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon The Coupon System.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Meehan, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1908, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
4. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of William Chamberlain, in respect to certain lands situated in Pitt-street, Sydney, upon which portion of the Royal Arcade is built, and now in the possession of the Hill family.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Broughton, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Briner, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Edden, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.
5. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with resumptions at Parsley Bay, Port Jackson, showing the number and portions of lots resumed, the names of owners, the amounts of compensation claims put in by owners, the amounts offered by the Crown in settlement, and list of claims paid.
6. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gaming and Betting Act of 1906; to regulate the right to persons to enter and run horses on racecourses licensed under the said Act; to regulate the right of persons to be registered as bookmakers with the clubs or other bodies, having the control and government of such licensed racecourses; to provide for appeals against the decision of such bodies; to provide for a minimum sum of money to be apportioned for each days racing on all licensed racecourses; to provide for the opening to the public of a portion of every such racecourse at a maximum charge of one shilling; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
7. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Andrew "Rodgers against the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners," brought up on the 18th December, 1908, a.m., be now adopted.
8. MR. PRICE to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Agricultural Holdings, and to amend such other Statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.
9. MR. PRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing—
  - (1.) (a) The number of miles run by the engines manufactured by the Clyde Engineering Works; (b) the like information regarding those manufactured by Beyer, Peacock, & Co.; (c) the cost for repairs, at per mile, for both classes of engines; (d) the number of occasions on which the Clyde engines and those made by Beyer, Peacock, & Co., have been sent into dock for repairs or alterations.
  - (2.) The comparative tests of the two makes of engines.
  - (3.) The estimated requirements of the Railway Department for engines, so as to enable New South Wales firms to tender for the manufacture of engines.
  - (4.) The character of the engines made by the Clyde Engineering Works
10. MR. PRICE to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Gustave William Engel for compensation in connection with certain oyster lease improvements in Port Stephens, and legal expenses incurred by him in the Equity case of Merewether v. Engel.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Broughton, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Ashford, Mr. Grahame, and the Mover.
11. MR. CARMICHAEL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of ex-Mounted Sergeant William Stafford,—(1) Whether the evidence and papers adduced before the Select Committees of 1890 and 1893 disclosed the facts that Stafford was wrongfully dismissed from the police service contrary to statutory agreement and contrary to the legal course provided for such cases; (2) whether the reports made subsequent to the Report of the Select Committee are valid reasons for not giving effect to the findings and recommendations of the Select Committee adopted by Parliament; (3) whether he is entitled to any of the benefits accruing from the Police Superannuation Fund, to which he contributed for eighteen years.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wood, Mr. Dacey, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Page, Mr. Edden, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Estell, Mr. Levy, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Reports, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of 1890 and 1893, respectively, be referred to such Committee.

12. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return showing the total number of the wages and salaried staff controlled, and the total number of fines and reductions in pay or grade, or both, inflicted by the following public officials during the year ended 31st May, 1910:—Inspector-General of Police; Public Service Board; Chief Mechanical Engineer, Railways; Engineer-in-Chief Existing Lines, Railways; Goods Manager, Railways; Superintendent of Lines, Railways; Traffic Superintendent, Tramways; Electrical Engineer, Tramways; and Permanent-way Engineer, Tramways.
13. **MR. CARMICHAEL** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of George Norman to compensation for his seventeen years' service in charge of Public Watering Places.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Mercer, and the Mover.
14. **MR. JAMES** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the advisability of granting leases to the New Zealand and Australia Land Company (Limited) of the land comprised in the cancelled leases Nos. 943 and 944, for the same term and at the same rent, and subject to the same conditions as those mentioned in the cancelled leases, as recommended in the Message from the Legislative Council of the 26th March, 1908.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Holman, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Treflé, Mr. Levion, and the Mover.
15. **MR. GILBERT** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. J. S. Gam— "Rejection of Sleepers by Central South African Government," brought up on the 9th December, 1909, be now adopted.
16. **MR. McFARLANE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that immediate steps be taken to procure an expert engineer from abroad, for the purpose of inspecting the various harbours along the coast that are now being investigated by the Royal Commission, and point out to and advise such Commission respecting those harbours that can, at reasonable cost, be sufficiently improved to admit deep-sea ships; also, to review the harbour works that have been partially carried out, and advise generally respecting the further extension and completion of those works.
17. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of spirituous liquors, beers, &c., should cease on the premises of Parliament House.
18. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Public Trustee should be forthwith appointed with powers and functions analogous to those exercised by the Officer holding a corresponding position in Great Britain.
19. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move, That the Testator's Family Maintenance Bill which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous 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.
20. **MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH** to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, notwithstanding any efforts which may be made to induce a stream of immigration to our shores, that the future development of Australia must depend mainly on the natural increase of its native-born population.  
 (2.) In view of the above fact, this House is also of opinion that a portion of the expense incidental to the birth of every Australian child should be provided by the State.  
 (3.) For the purpose of giving practical effect to the foregoing, this House is further of opinion that a sum of money ought to be voted annually by Parliament sufficient to provide financial assistance to the extent of at least £5 to the parents of every child born within the State during such year.
21. **MR. G. A. JONES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The amount of special grants made to each Shire in the State from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for past four years.  
 (2.) The number of special grants, if more than one, made to each Shire for the same period.  
 (3.) The Parliamentary Electorate in which each Shire receiving special grant is situated.
22. **MR. MINAHAN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the dismissal from the Service of Arthur Denman, school-teacher at Kyeamba.
23. **MR. TREFLE** to move, That the Government appoint an eye specialist to tour country districts with the view of treating and advising courses of treatment for persons suffering from serious diseases of the eyes.
24. **MR. TREFLE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, Supreme Court, District Court, and Criminal Court Jury Lists should contain the names of all male electors of reputable character residing within the areas for which such lists are compiled.
25. **MR. TREFLE** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the demand for land for closer settlement being greatly in excess of the supply, steps be taken to review all improvement leases and scrub leases with the view of withdrawing or resuming those suitable for closer settlement, and the forfeiture of any such leases that may be found to have been obtained by illegal means.



26. **SIR JAMES GRAHAM** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the merits of the Montgomery Safety Controller as applied to railway carriages and cars, to ascertain whether it offers advantages over the system now in use, and whether its adoption by the Railway Commissioners would be beneficial.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Henley, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Holman, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Storey, and the Mover.
27. **MR. ROBERT JONES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents with regard to the method adopted in respect of the jury panel in connection with the trial of Peter Bowling, Brennan, Lewis, Burns, and others criminally prosecuted.
28. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be immediately appointed to inquire into the condition of the food supply of this State, and to report on the necessity, or otherwise, for legislation to deal with rings and combinations regulating the prices thereof.
29. **MR. ROBSON** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the enlargement of certain term of years into estates of fee simple; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
30. **MR. FALICK** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause representations to be made to the Commonwealth Government to the effect,—  
 (1.) That, inasmuch as the purpose of the Federal proposals for a progressive land-tax is to cause landed estates to be made available for closer settlement, the revenue derived from such taxation ought reasonably to be applied to the acquisition of land for disposal to intending settlers.  
 (2.) That such revenue raised in the State of New South Wales should be returned to the State Government to be applied to the aforesaid purposes.
31. **MR. FELL** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims and treatment of Harry K. Carpenter by the Public Service Board prior to his retirement from the Public Service.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Briner, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Cann, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, and the Mover.
32. **MR. LEVY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907 should be so amended as to enable all indigent blind persons in the State to obtain a pension without the necessity of proving permanent incapacity for any work, as prescribed by that Act.
33. **MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK** to move, That the Testators' Family Maintenance Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous 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.
34. **MR. JOHN MILLER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, an Eight-hour Bill should be introduced and passed into law.
35. **MR. JOHN MILLER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all public servants, when on holidays, should be granted the same concessions regarding railway fares as are now enjoyed by railway employees.
36. **COLONEL ONSLOW** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the holding of Revision Courts in connection with the State Electoral Lists is not provided for in the Electoral Act.
37. **MR. JOHN MILLER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the removal of Police-constable M. Williams from Parkes to Bathurst.
38. **MR. G. A. JONES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The quantity of coal imported from oversea ports by the Government during the recent coal strike.  
 (2.) The price per ton paid for such coal, and from what country purchased.  
 (3.) The quantity of such coal utilised by the Government and resold, and at what price.  
 (4.) The quantity of such coal remaining on hand at the present time.  
 (5.) Were all the orders for coal given by the Government fulfilled.
39. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) No further leases of coal-mining areas should be granted, unless a proviso is therein contained that, upon cessation of work through industrial trouble and the closing of such mines by the lessee, the Government, as lessor, shall order the mine to be worked to the extent of its average output, failing which, after the expiration of fourteen days, the Government may enter thereon and work the same.  
 (2.) On taking possession, improvements shall be paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act.
40. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the hours to be worked by nurses in public and private hospitals; the classification of nurses and minimum wage to be paid; conditions of work, and other matters appertaining thereto.
41. **MR. LEVIEN** to move, That the Totalizator Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous 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.

42. MR. G. A. JONES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the law charging rent for Crown leases from the date of application therefor is inequitable, and such law should be altered to provide for rentals commencing upon date of confirmation of the application.
43. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) All suitable Crown lands should be surveyed, classified, and made available for settlement before further resumptions of private estates are proposed.  
 (2.) The capital values of all new holdings of all classes should be fixed by the Local Land Board, on evidence given when applications are being dealt with for confirmation.
44. MR. HENLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, in order to expedite unloading, and avoid depreciation and waste, and to more humanely treat live animals, erect on the abattoir area recently purchased at Homebush metropolitan saleyards to accommodate all classes of stock intended for slaughter.
45. DR. ARTHUR to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to promote the more extended use of daylight during certain months of the year; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
46. MR. BRINER to move, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order, for submission to this House hereafter, for the purpose of fixing time limits to the speeches of Honorable Members, and making distinctions in fixing same between the various classes of debate which take place in this House.
47. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1.) The existing system of party Government does not provide for any clear expression of public opinion upon definite issues.  
 (2.) The Constitution should be so amended as to provide—(a) that every Parliamentary representative be elected by an absolute majority of votes polled; (b) that upon the assembling of Parliament after each General Election, each and every Minister shall be elected by a majority of the whole House, and shall hold his portfolio only so long as he retains the confidence of a majority of Members of the House.
48. MR. BRINER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total amount expended to date in—(a) tourists' roads throughout the State; (b) tourists' roads around Cooma and Kosciusko; (c) buildings and accommodation generally throughout the State for tourists; (d) buildings at Kosciusko.
49. MR. BEEBY to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better supervision of life assurance companies and associations, and to provide for a system of State assurance.
50. MR. BEEBY to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the right of tenants to compensation for improvements made on land and premises held under private leases, and to facilitate the purchase by lessees from their lessors of agricultural lands held under lease.
51. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Superannuation Fund should be established for the officials employed in the various prisons of the State, on the same lines, as far as practicable, as the fund now in existence for the benefit of the Police Force.
52. MR. BEEBY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be introduced at once to provide for payment into a Special Trust Fund of all unclaimed balances held by Banks and other financial institutions.
53. MR. MCGOWEN to move, That the minimum salary for all civil servants over 21 years of age be £110 per annum.
54. MR. HOLLIS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all public servants, except the police, should have the ordinary civil and political rights, with a restriction only on their right to criticise the administration of the Department in which they are employed.
55. MR. MOXHAM to move, That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be taken to increase the allowance payable to widows, under the provisions of the State Children Relief Act.
56. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the actuarial annual amounts deductible from each pensioner named in the return respecting certain retirements from the Public Service in 1896, ordered to be printed on 10th December, 1908, in lieu of the abatement of four per centum on salary received by them prior to the year 1885, and as required by section 55 of the Civil Service Act 1884.
57. MR. HENLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early date, issue a *Gazette* notice removing from the control of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners all low-lying foreshores and bays suitable for reclamation and reservation, and that early steps be taken to fill in and dedicate the said land as public recreation reserves.
58. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The number of electric motor drivers employed on the Government Tramways of New South Wales.  
 (2.) The number of conductors in the same Service.  
 (3.) The number of electric motor drivers who suffered loss of conduct holidays for the year ended 30th June, 1906.  
 (4.) The same information for the years ended 30th June, 1907, 1908, and 1909.  
 (5.) The number of conductors who suffered loss of conduct holidays in each of these four years, showing each year separately.

59. MR. JOHN MILLER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make provision for sending abroad promising young men trained in the different main branches of our Public Service, in order that they may gain further experience, to enable us to keep the Service on an equal footing with that of any other country, without importing foreign officials for our chief positions.
60. MR. HENLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at an early date bring in a Bill providing for a liberal system of State insurance against invalidity and old-age; to encourage thrift and self-reliance, and in order to lessen the growing cost of the present system of old-age pensions, and to do away with the need for Civil Service pensions.
61. MR. HOLLIS to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the grievances of Henry Harding, William Stephen Stead, and others, arising from alleged negligence and error on the part of the Registrar-General in connection with Certificate of Title, volume 61, folio 224, dated 4th February, 1868.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Reports from the Select Committees of the Second Session of 1904, and of Session, 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
62. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the tenders received and accepted by the Railway Commissioners during the past four years for wood and iron work, such as rolling-stock, &c.; also brass work, boiler mounting, &c., and steel work; together with the names of tenderers and prices submitted.
63. MR. ESTELL to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the treatment of prisoners in the various gaols of the State.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Graham, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Cann, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Gillies, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Levy, and the Mover.
64. MR. CARMICHAEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Police Superannuation Fund should be so enlarged as to include attendants in insane asylums and similar positions.
65. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Servants Registry 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.
66. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Norman Selve in connection with designs supplied by him to the Government for the North Shore Bridge.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Ball, Mr. Briner, Mr. Fell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
67. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Richard Augustus Willoughby Green, in respect to certain lands known as Brumby's Grant, Gore Estate, Willoughby.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Fell, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McCoy, and the Mover.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Nurses Registration Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy.*]
2. Standing Orders—Introduction of Bills and Motions for Adjournment; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to  
 " amend the Standing Orders—(a) so as to provide that the initial motion for the introduction of  
 " a Bill shall be submitted to a vote of the House as a formal motion, no objection being allowed;  
 " (b) so as to assure to Members of the Legislative Assembly the right to move the adjournment of  
 " the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance on any day that Parliament is  
 " sitting."
3. Public School Boards; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That leave  
 " be given to bring in a Bill to so amend the Public Instruction Act as to provide for the election of  
 " school boards by the parents of the children attending the schools under their jurisdiction."
4. Coal and Shale Mines Hours Regulation Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Edden.*]
5. Bishop Tyrrell Trust Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir James Graham.*]
6. North Sydney Electric Lighting Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1910.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committees.	Counts-out.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D. ...	...	...	.....	...
Ashford, William George, Esq. ...	20	40	.....	60
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq. ...	13	21	.....	34
Barton, Charles Hampden, Esq. ...	14	39	.....	53
Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq. ...	16	20	.....	36
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ...	17	37	.....	54
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq. ...	7	11	.....	18
Brown, William, Esq. ...	20	41	.....	61
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. ...	13	28	.....	41
Cann, John Henry, Esq. ...	10	18	.....	28
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell, Esq. ...	19	39	.....	58
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq. ...	14	14	.....	28
Cochran, John Patrick, Esq. ...	13	30	.....	43
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	10	.....	.....	10
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq. ...	13	17	.....	30
Cusack, John Joseph, Esq. ...	16	29	.....	44
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq. ...	16	39	.....	55
Davidson, Robert, Esq. ...	18	29	.....	47
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq. ...	15	29	.....	44
Dooley, James, Esq. ...	6	28	.....	29
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq. ...	15	37	.....	52
Edden, Alfred, Esq. ...	19	39	.....	58
Estell, John, Esq. ...	21	44	.....	65
Fallick, James, Esq. ...	21	45	.....	66
Fell, David, Esq. ...	9	9	.....	18
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	15	21	.....	36
Gilbert, Owen, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	12	15	.....	27
Gillies, John, Esq. ...	17	40	.....	57
Graham, Sir James, Kt., M.D. ...	15	19	.....	34
Grahame, William Calman, Esq. ...	15	39	.....	54
Griffith, Arthur, Esq. ...	16	32	.....	48
Hall, Brinsley, Esq. ...	20	31	.....	51
Henley, Thomas, Esq. ...	15	37	.....	52
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq. ...	21	44	.....	65
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander ...	17	40	.....	57
Hollis, Robert, Esq. ...	15	38	.....	53
Holman, William Arthur, Esq. ...	5	22	.....	27
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq. ...	15	19	.....	34
Hunt, John Charles, Esq. ...	21	42	.....	63
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq. ...	17	35	.....	52
Jones, George Alfred, Esq. ...	6	9	.....	15
Jones, Robert, Esq. ...	20	18	.....	38
Kearley, William, Esq. ...	19	27	.....	46

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Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq. ... ..	10	15	.....	25
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ... ..	19	36	.....	55
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred ... ..	22	44	.....	66
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ... ..	11	.....	.....	11
Levy, Daniel, Esq. ... ..	16	29	.....	45
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq. ... ..	19	39	.....	58
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq. ... ..	11	29	.....	40
Macdonell, Donald, Esq. ... ..	11	30	.....	41
Mahony, William Henry, Esq. ... ..	8	10	.....	18
McCourt, The Hon. William ( <i>Speaker</i> ) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq. ... ..	14	35	.....	49
McFarlane, John, Esq. ... ..	22	42	.....	64
McGarry, Patrick, Esq. ... ..	10	6	.....	16
McGowan, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq. ... ..	21	39	.....	60
McLaurin, Gordon Ronald, Esq. ... ..	9	23	.....	32
McNeill, John, Esq. ... ..	8	17	.....	25
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	4	9	.....	13
Meehan, John Charles, Esq. ... ..	15	23	.....	38
Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq. ... ..	16	37	.....	53
Millard, William, Esq. ... ..	22	44	.....	66
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ... ..	5	23	.....	28
Miller, John, Esq. ... ..	15	20	.....	35
Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq. ... ..	19	36	.....	55
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson ... ..	21	45	.....	66
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ... ..	14	27	.....	41
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq. ... ..	10	29	.....	39
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ... ..	6	30	.....	36
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	11	19	.....	30
Nobbs, John, Esq. ... ..	22	45	.....	67
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William ... ..	18	43	.....	61
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur ... ..	22	25	.....	47
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq. ... ..	9	18	.....	27
Parke, Varney, Esq. ... ..	20	21	.....	41
Perry, The Hon. John ... ..	22	31	.....	53
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq. ... ..	7	27	.....	34
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ... ..	7	29	.....	36
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. ... ..	17	38	.....	55
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	15	30	.....	45
Storey, David, Esq. ... ..	9	17	.....	26
Storey, John, Esq. ... ..	12	36	.....	48
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq. ... ..	16	30	.....	46
Taylor, William, Esq. ... ..	21	36	.....	57
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ... ..	16	26	.....	42
Treflé, John Louis, Esq. ... ..	11	22	.....	33
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas ... ..	21	34	.....	55
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C. ... ..	21	43	.....	64
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert ... ..	19	37	.....	56

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1910.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1910.

1. New Writs issued ... ..	0								
2. Select Committees :—									
On Public Matters ... ..	2								
On Private Bills ... ..	0								
3. Standing Committees ... ..	2								6
4. Public Bills :—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	17								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	6								
	23								
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	4								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	1								
	5								23
5. Private Bills :—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	0								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	0								
	0								
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	6								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	1								
	7								7
6. Petitions received :—									
Printed ... ..	5								
Not Printed ... ..	0								
	5								5
7. Divisions :—									
In the House ... ..	22								
In Committee of the Whole ... ..	45								
	67								67
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—									
Days of Meeting ... ..	31								
Hours of Sitting ... ..	317 h. 45 m.								
Hours of Sitting after Midnight ... ..	92 h. 44 m.								
Daily Average ... ..	10 h. 15 m.								
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—									
Before commencement of Business ... ..	0								
After commencement of Business ... ..	0								
	0								0
9. Votes and Proceedings :—									
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—									
Of Business done ... ..	330								
Of Questions answered ... ..	399								
	729								729
Daily Average ... ..	23								23
Entries in Notice Paper—									
Of Questions ... ..	754								
Of Notices of Motion ... ..	2,272								
Of Orders of the Day ... ..	334								
Of Contingent Notices ... ..	0								
	3,360								3,360
Daily Average ... ..	108								108
10. Contingent Notice Papers ... ..	0								0
11. Orders for Papers ... ..	1								1
12. Addresses for Papers ... ..	0								0
13. Other Addresses ... ..	2								2
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—									
By Message ... ..	44								
By Command ... ..	243								
In Return to Orders ... ..	2								
In Return to Addresses ... ..	0								
Reports from Standing and Select Committees ... ..	10								
	299								299
Ordered to be Printed ... ..	93								
Not ordered to be Printed ... ..	206								
	299								299

## 5. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1910, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
1	14 June	Tuesday	10:30 o'clock a.m.	12:17 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 1 47	h. m. } ...	14
2	15 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11:1 " "	7 1	...	5
3	16 "	Thursday	4 " "	12:1 " a.m.	8 1	0 1	3
4	21 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11:16 " p.m.	7 16	...	6
5	22 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12:7 " a.m.	8 7	0 7	4
6	23 "	Thursday	4 " "	{ 5:35 o'clock p.m., 24 June. }	25 26	17 26	5
7	28 "	Tuesday	4 " "	8:28 " p.m.	4 23	...	19
8	29 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11:26 " "	7 26	...	10
9	30 "	Thursday	4 " "	10:2 " "	6 2	...	7
10	5 July	Tuesday	4 " "	11:22 " "	7 22	...	9
11	6 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12:12 " a.m.	8 12	0 12	5
12	7 "	Thursday	4 " "	11:29 " p.m.	7 29	...	10
13	12 "	Tuesday	4 " "	7:25 " "	3 25	...	9
14	13 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12:6 " a.m.	8 6	0 6	8
15	14 "	Thursday	4 " "	12:0 " "	8 0	...	11
16	19 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11:5 " p.m.	7 5	...	9
17	20 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10:33 " "	6 33	...	12
18	21 "	Thursday	4 " "	11:0 " "	7 0	...	14
19	26 "	Tuesday	4 " "	2:10 " a.m.	10 10	2 10	8
20	27 "	Wednesday	4 " "	6:50 " "	14 50	6 50	9
21	28 "	Thursday	4 " "	12:3 " "	8 3	0 3	12
22	2 August	Tuesday	4 " "	11:28 " p.m.	7 28	...	6
23	3 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12:57 " a.m.	8 57	0 57	8
24	4 "	Thursday	4 " "	9:55 " p.m.	5 55	...	10
25	9 "	Tuesday	4 " "	11:44 " "	7 44	...	11
26	10 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12:59 " a.m.	8 59	0 59	15
27	11 "	Thursday	4 " "	11:50 " p.m.	7 50	...	11
28	12 "	Friday	2 " "	7:6 " "	5 6	...	9
29	15 "	Monday	4 " "	2:30 " a.m.	10 30	2 30	11
0	16 "	Tuesday	4 " "	{ 1:23 o'clock p.m., 19th Aug. }	69 23	61 23	43
31	19 "	Friday	3 " "	9:50 " p.m.	6 50	...	17
Total					317 45	92 44	330

Average length of sitting daily, 10 hours 15 minutes.

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