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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. **OPENING OF PARLIAMENT** :—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the first day of November, 1910, of which a copy was read by Mr. Richard Aldous Arnold, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows :—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency 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.

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor aforesaid, by virtue of
 “ an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh,
 “ being ‘ *An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution* ’: I do hereby proclaim that a
 “ Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the State of New South Wales,
 “ for the despatch of business, shall commence and be holden on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of
 “ November instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council
 “ Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and Members of the said Legislative
 “ Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at
 “ the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this first day of November, 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,

“ D. MACDONELL

“ GOD SAVE THE KING!”

2. **WRITS OF ELECTION** :—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a correct List, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Arthur, Richard	Middle Harbour.
Ball, Richard Thomas	Corowa.
Beeby, George Stephenson	Blayney.
Black, George	The Namoi.
Briner, George Stuart	Raleigh.
Brown, William	Durham.
Bruntnell, Albert	Annandale.
Burgess, George Arthur	Burrangong.
Cann, John Henry	Broken Hill.
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell	Leichhardt.
Cochran, John Patrick	Darling Harbour.
Cocks, Arthur Albert Clement	St. Leonards.
Cohen, John Jacob	Petersham.
Crawford, Thomas Simpson	Marrickville.
Cusack, John Joseph	Queanbeyan.
Dacey, John Rowland	Alexandria.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Donaldson, Robert Thomas	Wynyard.
Dooley, James	Hartley.
Downes, Frederick William Arthur	Camden.
Dunn, William Fraser	Mudgee.
Edden, Alfred	Kahibah.
Estell, John	Waratah.
Fallick, James	Singleton.
Fell, David	Lafe Cove.
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas	Orange.
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland	Newcastle.
Gillies, John	Maitland.
Grahame, William Calman	Wickham.
Griffith, Arthur Hill	Sturt.
Hall, Brinsley	The Hawkesbury.
Henley, Thomas	Burwood.
Hindmarsh, George Thomas	Rous.
Hollis, Robert	Newtown.
Holman, William Arthur	Cootamundra.
Horne, Henry Edwin	Liverpool Plains.
Hoyle, Henry Clement	Surry Hills.
Hunt, John Charles	Sherbrooke.
James, Augustus George Frederic	Goulburn.
Jones, George Alfred	The Gwydir.
Kearsley, William	Northumberland.
Keegan, Thomas	The Glebe.
Kelly, Andrew Joseph	The Lachlan.
Latimer, William Fleming	Woollahra.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levien, Robert Henry	Tamworth.
Levy, Daniel	Darlinghurst.
Lonsdale, Edmund	Armidale.
Lynch, John Patrick	Ashburnham.
McCourt, William	Wollondilly.
McDonald, George Roy William	Bingara.
McFarlane, John	The Clarence.
McGarry, Patrick	The Murrumbidgee.
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor	Redfern.
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald	Albury.
McNeill, John	Pyrriant.
Macdonell, Donald	Cobar.
Meagher, Richard Denis	Phillip.
Meehan, John Charles	The Darling.
Mercer, James Ballantine	Rozelle.
Millard, William	The Clyde.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle	Monaro.
Miller, John	Bathurst.
Minahan, Patrick Joseph	Belmore.
Morrish, James John	King.
Morton, Henry Douglas	Hastings and Macleay.
Morton, Mark Fairles	Allowrie.
Moxham, Thomas Robert	Parramatta.
Nicholson, John Barnes	Wollongong.
Nielsen, Niel Rasmus Wilson	Yass.
Nobbs, John	Granville.
Onslow, James William Macarthur	Waverley.
Osborne, John Percy	Paddington.
Page, Frederick Joseph	Botany.
Parkes, Varney	Canterbury.
Perry, John	The Richmond.
Peters, Henry John Frederick	Deniliquin.
Price, Richard Atkinson	Gloucester.
Robson, William Elliott Veitch	Ashfield.
Scobie, Robert	The Murray.
Storey, David	Randwick.
Storey, John	Balmain.
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James	Camperdown.
Taylor, William	St. George.
Thomas, Follet Johns	Gough.
Thrower, Thomas Henry	The Macquarie.
Treffé, John Louis	The Castlereagh.
Waddell, Thomas	Belubula.
Wade, Charles Gregory	Gordon.
Willis, Henry	The Upper Hunter.
Wood, William Herbert	Bega.

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

The House went, and the President said :—

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

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

“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 first day of November 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 fifteenth day of November 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 Frederick Flowers, 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,
“Frederick Flowers, 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 fifteenth day of
“November 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,
“Frederick Flowers, 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 eighth
“day of November, 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,
“D. MACDONELL.”

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

The President said :—

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
“We have it in command from the Governor to let you know,—That after Members of the
“Legislative Assembly shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament
“will be declared to you ; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first
“chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to
“your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker.”

And the House being returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS :—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the State, authorising the Honorable James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable William Arthur Holman, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, and the Honorable Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Secretary for Lands, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the King, required by law to be taken

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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 James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable William Arthur Holman, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, and the Honorable Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Secretary for Lands, 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 eighth day of November, 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,*
“ **D. MACDONELL**”

5. **MEMBERS SWORN:**—The Honorable James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, Esquire, took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable William Arthur Holman, Esquire, and the Honorable Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz. :—

Richard Arthur, Esquire.	Robert Henry Levien, Esquire.
Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire.	Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire.
George Stephenson Beeby, Esquire.	John Patrick Lynch, Esquire.
George Black, Esquire.	Donald Macdonell, Esquire.
George Stuart Briner, Esquire.	William McCourt, Esquire.
William Brown, Esquire.	George Roy William McDonald, Esquire.
Albert Bruntnell, Esquire.	John McFarlane, Esquire.
George Arthur Burgess, Esquire.	Patrick McGarry, Esquire.
John Henry Cann, Esquire.	Gordon Ranald McLaurin, Esquire.
Ambrose Campbell Carmichael, Esquire.	John McNeill, Esquire.
John Patrick Cochran, Esquire.	Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire.
Arthur Albert Clement Cocks, Esquire.	John Charles Mechan, Esquire.
John Jacob Cohen, Esquire.	James Ballantine Mercer, Esquire.
Thomas Simpson Crawford, Esquire.	William Millard, Esquire.
John Joseph Cusack, Esquire.	Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire.
John Rowland Dacey, Esquire.	John Miller, Esquire.
Robert Thomas Donaldson, Esquire.	Patrick Joseph Minahan, Esquire.
James Dooley, Esquire.	James John Morrish, Esquire.
Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire.	Henry Douglas Morton, Esquire.
William Fraser Dunn, Esquire.	Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire.
Alfred Edden, Esquire.	John Barnes Nicholson, Esquire.
John Estell, Esquire.	John Nobbs, Esquire.
James Fallick, Esquire.	James William Macarthur Onslow, Esquire.
David Fell, Esquire.	John Percy Osborne, Esquire.
John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire.	Frederick Joseph Page, Esquire.
Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire.	Varney Parkes, Esquire.
John Gillies, Esquire.	John Perry, Esquire.
William Calman Grahame, Esquire.	Henry John Frederick Peters, Esquire.
Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire.	Richard Atkinson Price, Esquire.
Brinsley Hall, Esquire.	William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire.
Thomas Henley, Esquire.	Robert Scobie, Esquire.
George Thomas Hindmarsh, Esquire.	David Storey, Esquire.
Robert Hollis, Esquire.	John Storey, Esquire.
Henry Edwin Horne, Esquire.	Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire.
John Charles Hunt, Esquire.	William Taylor, Esquire.
Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire.	Follet Johns Thomas, Esquire.
George Alfred Jones, Esquire.	Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire.
William Kearsley, Esquire.	John Louis Tressé, Esquire.
Thomas Keegan, Esquire.	Thomas Waddell, Esquire.
Andrew Joseph Kelly, Esquire.	Henry Willis, Esquire.
William Fleming Latimer, Esquire.	William Herbert Wood, Esquire.
Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire.	

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6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER :—Mr. Black, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, John Henry Cann, Esquire, and moved,—"That John Henry Cann, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker,"—which motion was seconded by Mr. Dacey.

Debate ensued.

The House then calling Mr. Cann to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Black and Mr. Dacey, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker,—

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. McGowen and Mr. Lee respectively congratulated the Speaker, and Mr. Levien and Mr. McCourt also offered their congratulations.

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

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. McGowen made a Ministerial Statement respecting the changes that had recently taken place in the Administration, and announced that, as the result of the General Election, the late Premier (Mr. Wade) had tendered to His Excellency the Governor his resignation on the 19th October last, and that His Excellency had communicated with him (Mr. McGowen) and placed upon his shoulders the responsibility of forming an Administration. He now had to inform the House that the following Ministry had been sworn in :—

The Honorable James Sinclair Taylor McGowen, M.L.A., Premier, Colonial Treasurer, and Minister for Railways ;

The Honorable William Arthur Holman, M.L.A., Attorney-General and Minister of Justice ;

The Honorable Donald Macdonell, M.L.A., Colonial Secretary and Minister for Agriculture ;

The Honorable Arthur Hill Griffith, M.L.A., Secretary for Public Works ;

The Honorable George Stephenson Beeby, M.L.A., Minister of Public Instruction and Labour and Industry ;

The Honorable Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, M.L.A., Secretary for Lands ;

The Honorable Alfred Edden, M.L.A., Secretary for Mines ;

The Honorable Ambrose Campbell Carmichael, M.L.A., Honorary Minister ;

The Honorable John Louis Treflé, M.L.A., Honorary Minister ;

The Honorable Frederick Flowers, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Executive Council.

Mr. McGowen added that by close attention to duty and giving their best services the Ministers hope to be able to discharge the responsible positions they hold in a way that will meet with the approval of the people of New South Wales.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McGowen moved, That this House do now adjourn until half-past Ten o'clock a.m., To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at four minutes after Two o'clock p.m., until To-morrow, at *half-past Ten o'clock a.m.*

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1910.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—The House proceeded to the State Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

And the House having returned,—Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in debate, to free access to His Excellency when occasion should require, and that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

2. **SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:**—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, 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 John Henry Cann, 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 16th day of November, 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,
“ D. MACDONELL.”*

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

“ MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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

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

4. MEMBER SWORN:—Mr. Mark Fairles Morton, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Allowrie.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue, and other moneys for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1910; together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.
6. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor had been received:—

- (1.) Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

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,*”—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.) Fire Brigades Amendment Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909; 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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- (3.) Railway Service Superannuation Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

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,*”—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.) Wesley College Incorporation Bill:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

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,’*”—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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- (5.) Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 5.

Governor.

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,*"—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.) Fisheries (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 6.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Net Fishing (Port Hacking) Act, 1901 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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- (7.) Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area Resumption Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 7.

Governor.

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,*"—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.) Saturday Half Holiday Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 8.

Governor.

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

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- (9.) Clerical Workers Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 9

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

A 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,*"—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, 6th September, 1910.

- (10.) Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 10.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902 ; and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906 ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 31st August, 1910.

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16th November, 1910.

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

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

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,*"—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, 14th September, 1910.

(12.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, in certain particulars; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1910.

7. DEATH OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.—ACCESSION OF HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V :—Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, the following reply had been received to the Address presented to His Majesty the King :—

State Government House, Sydney, 15 October, 1910.

Sir,—With reference to the Address to His Majesty, which was adopted by the Legislative Assembly on the 14th June last, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated that he duly laid such Address at the foot of the Throne.

His Majesty has commanded me to convey to the Members of the Legislative Assembly an expression of his sincere thanks for their Message of sympathy with him in the death of the late King, and their congratulations on his accession to the Throne.

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

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

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

8. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NAMES ENDORSED ON WRITS AND NAMES OF MEMBERS :—Mr. Speaker reported to the House,—

(1.) That, whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Yass is endorsed on the Writ as "*Niel Rasmus Wilson Nielsen,*" the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is "*Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen.*"

(2.) That, whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of St. Leonards is endorsed on the Writ as "*Arthur Albert Clement Cocks,*" the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is "*Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks.*"

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns beforementioned, by substituting the name of "*Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen*" for that of "*Niel Rasmus Wilson Nielsen,*" and by substituting the name of "*Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks*" for that of "*Arthur Albert Clement Cocks.*"

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

9. PAPERS :—

Mr. McGowen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Thirtieth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

(2.) Regulations Nos. 207 to 219, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(3.) Regulation No. 234, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(4.) Regulations under the Railway Service Superannuation Act, 1910.

(5.) Rules in addition to and in amendment of the Rules contained in the Sixth Schedule to the Navigation Act, 1901.

(6.) Statement of the Transactions of the State Debt Commissioners for the year 1909–10.

(7.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1910.

(8.) Statement of Balances of Appropriations of the year 1909–1910 written off as Savings on 30th June, 1910.

(9.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th September, 1910.

(10.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the duplication of the Railway Line near Woy Woy.

(11.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Bass Baa.

(12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the purpose of improving the traffic on the Tramway from Harris-street to Evans-street, Balmain.

(13.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Tramway Purposes at Broken Hill.

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- (14.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for duplication of the Great Western Railway between Mount Victoria and Bell.
- (15.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Station Master's Residence at Portland.
- (16.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Grade Improvements on the Great Western Railway near Mount Victoria.
- (17.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Station Yard at Parkville.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) (a) Cancellation of Regulation No. 376, under the Crown Lands Acts; (b) Amended Regulations Nos. 85, 126, 374, 378, and 403, and Amended Forms Nos. 40A, 130, 133, 134, and 135, under the Crown Lands Acts; (c) Cancellation of Form No. 40B, and amendment of Form No. 40C, now renumbered 40B, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (2.) Amended Regulation No. 32, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
- (3.) Amended form No. 145, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (4.) Regulations Nos. 1 and 2, and Forms Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910.
- (5.) Amended Regulation No. 213, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (6.) Amended Form No. 79, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 370 and Amended Form No. 125, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (8.) Amended Regulation No. 215, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (9.) Report of the Department of Lands and the Western Land Board for the year ended 30th June, 1910.
- (10.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1910-5, portion No. 58, parish of Worinjerong, county of Leichhardt, land district of Coonamble, applied for by Dalgety and Company (Limited) shall cease to be voidable.
- (11.) Decision of the Minister for Lands to reverse forfeiture of James Aloysius O'Connor's Conditional Purchase No. 1903-11, and Conditional Lease No. 35,983, Bega, contrary to the recommendation of the Local Land Board.
- (12.) Reasons for granting special sick leave of absence, beyond what the Public Service Regulations otherwise authorise, to Mr. Frederick Bulwer Nowell, Draftsman, Local Land Board Office, Maitland, Department of Lands.
- (13.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (14.) 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.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Fairfield.
- (16.) Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust for the year ended 30th September, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation proclaiming certain work to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (2.) Proclamation declaring certain portions of land, village of Hill End, to be Private Lands, under the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations Nos. 296, 384 and 482, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (2.) Public Service List for 1910.
- (3.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1909.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board in reference to the granting of special sick leave to Mr. Bloxham, Governor, Parramatta Gaol.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Sydney Hospital.
- (2.) Addition to Schedule E of Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (3.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
- (4.) Statements showing the Liabilities and Assets of Banks and Public Companies for the quarter ended 30th June, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Ball, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Wharfage at Carrington, Port of Newcastle*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed Wharfage at Carrington, Port of Newcastle.
- (2.) *Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire,
George Arthur Burgess, Esquire,
Robert Scobie, Esquire,
Daniel Levy, Esquire, and
William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire,—

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

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. It affords me much pleasure to call you together for the discharge of your high and important duties at the earliest possible date after the Constituencies have exercised their privilege in the election of a new Legislative Assembly.

2. Owing to the late period of the year at which the Elections were held, and to certain unavoidable delays arising out of the change of Government, this, the first Session of the Parliament, must necessarily be a brief one.

3. The State is fortunate in the continued enjoyment of prosperous seasons, and in the consequent buoyancy of the revenue from the Railways and the other business undertakings of the Government.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. The public finances have been the subject of the earnest consideration of my Advisers, who will, in the very near future, be called upon to face a serious diminution in the returns from the Commonwealth. When the Financial Statement comes to be considered it will be found that my Advisers are fully alive to the altered circumstances of the State, and are prepared to take all necessary measures to maintain financial stability. In this connection, it is gratifying to note that the State-owned services continue to be an increasingly valuable factor in the public finances.

5. Estimates of expenditure for the present year, framed with due consideration for economy and for the needs of the Public Service, are being prepared, and will, in due course, be laid before you.

6. In the near future my Advisers hope so to prepare the public accounts that the receipts and expenditure of public business undertakings, and also the proceeds arising from the sale of public assets, will be completely separated from the ordinary accounts of the general governmental services. It is regretted that, owing to the lateness of the date at which they took office, and the fact that five months of the financial year have already passed, this has not been possible for the forthcoming Session.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

7. Legislation will be proposed at an early date providing for an amendment of the Electoral Law to give true effect to the principle of one adult one vote, and to provide proper facilities for the expression of the will of the people at the ballot-box.

8. You will be asked to consider amending legislation relating to industrial matters.

9. Legislation dealing with the lands required for the Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Settlement will be presented for your early consideration.

10. The Public Works policy has been framed with a view to meeting growing public requirements, and several important works of an urgent character will be submitted for your approval.

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

Mr. Osborne then moved, and Mr. McDonald 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 both Houses of Parliament on opening this Session of the Parliament of the State of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the Reverend Mr. Crawford, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Estell, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Keegan, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Morrish, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.—

And Mr. Osborne 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.

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

Mr. Lee moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words to stand as paragraph 4:—"But we regret to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your Advisers in connection with the administration of the Public Lands of the State in refusing to the people the right to acquire, in future, the freehold in such lands for settlement purposes is inimical to the best interests of this State."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1910.

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

CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY (LIMITED) ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Company to close certain streets in the Municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said Municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the Municipality of Canterbury aforesaid; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
And Mr. Parkes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *The Advertiser*, newspapers containing the Notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

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

3. **DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NAME ENDORSED ON WRIT AND NAME OF MEMBER**:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That, whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Sturt is endorsed on the Writ as "Arthur Hill Griffith," the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as such Member, is "Arthur Griffith."
Mr. McGowen moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return beforementioned, by substituting the name of "Arthur Griffith" for that of "Arthur Hill Griffith."
Question put and passed.
And the Clerk amended the said Return accordingly.

17th November, 1910.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Osborne, 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. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4:—" But we regret to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your Advisers in connection with the administration of the Public Lands of the State, in refusing to the people the right to acquire in future the freehold in such lands for settlement purposes, is inimical to the best interests of this State."

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1910.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—Daniel Levy, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Darlinghurst.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company (Limited) to close certain streets in the Municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said Municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the Municipality of Canterbury aforesaid ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, to close certain streets in the Municipality of Canterbury, being James-street and Arthur-street, and portion of a certain street in the said Municipality, being a portion of Frederick-street, and in lieu thereof to dedicate for the use and for the purpose of public roads or streets certain pieces or parcels of land in the Municipality of Canterbury aforesaid ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—read a first time.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Osborne, 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."

22nd November, 1910.

Upon which Mr. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4:—"But we regret to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your Advisers in connection with the administration of the Public Lands of the State, in refusing to

"the people the right to acquire in future the freehold in such lands for settlement purposes, is inimical to the best interests of this State."

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1910, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
MEMBER SWORN:—Charles Gregory Wade, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gordon.
2. PAPERS:—Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Amended Regulation No. 319A under the Crown Lands Acts.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (5.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 - (6.) Particulars of Leases issued on the 19th October, 1910, under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—PAPER AGAIN REFERRED:—Mr. Hollis (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the "Return showing Derailments and Accidents to Trains or Engines on the New South Wales Railways between 1st July, 1907, and 4th July, 1910," laid upon the Table of this House on 10th August, 1910, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on 16th August, 1910, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nominations of,—

Mr. George Black,
Mr. John Rowland Dacey,
Mr. David Fell,
Mr. Mark Fairles Morton, and
Mr. David Storey,

 for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee constituted under that Act.
He added that it would be his duty to submit these names, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House for decision by open voting, and he would do so after the formal business was disposed of on Wednesday next.
5. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Osborne, 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.

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23rd November, 1910.

" 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. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4 :—" But we regret to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your Advisers in connection with the administration of the Public Lands of the State, in refusing to the people the right to acquire in future the freehold in such lands for settlement purposes, is inimical to the best interests of this State."

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1910, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. CANN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
MEMBER SWORN :—Henry Clement Hoyle, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Surry Hills.
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—

<i>“ Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,</i>	<i>George Alfred Jones, Esquire,</i>
<i>“ George Black, Esquire,</i>	<i>Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire,</i>
<i>“ John Rowland Dacey, Esquire,</i>	<i>Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, and</i>
<i>“ Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire,</i>	<i>John Storey, Esquire,—</i>
<i>“ Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire,</i>	

“ 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-fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine
“ hundred and ten.

“ J. H. CANN,
“ Speaker.”
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—DATE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES :—Pursuant to the requirement of the 4th section of the Public Works Committee Election Act, 1901, Mr. Speaker appointed Wednesday the 7th day of December, 1910, as the date up to and including which nominations of Members of the Legislative Assembly for election and appointment as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall be received; such nominations made and signed by at least five Members, to be delivered to the Clerk, together with the written consent of the Member nominated.
4. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McGowen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to 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.

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Sydney, 22nd November, 1910.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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5. PAPER:—Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Amendment of General Rule 6 of section 55, Mines Inspection Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY, LIMITED, ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Canterbury Park Racecourse Company, Limited, Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Harry Morton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Perry, Mr. John Storey, Mr. McFarlane, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Osborne, 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. Lee had moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4:—"But we regret to inform Your Excellency that the conduct
"of your Advisers in connection with the administration of the Public Lands of the State, in
"refusing to the people the right to acquire in future the freehold in such lands for settlement
"purposes, is inimical to the best interests of this State."
And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1910, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1910.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. James,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Coffin,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Robson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Dr. Arthur,	

Noes, 45.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Keegan,	The Rev. Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Casack.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Douley,	
Mr. Dunn,	

And so it passed in the negative..

Mr. Perry moved, That the Address be amended by the addition of the following words, to stand as paragraph 4:—"And we further regret to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of your
"Advisers in connection with the administration of Justice is deserving of censure."
Debate ensued.

Question,—

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Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. James,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Robson,	Dr. Arthur.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Ball,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,	The Rev. Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Black.

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,—then put and passed.

Mr. McGowen 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.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock (Friday, 25 November), until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 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 the Fifth, and I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

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

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

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2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Grants to Shires:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay 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?

Mr. Edden answered,—Yes; the information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House.

(2.) Coal imported by Government during recent Strike:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay 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.) Whether all the orders for coal given by the Government were fulfilled?

Mr. McGowen answered,—A return giving this and other information in regard to the purchase of coal during the recent coal strike is being prepared, and when ready will be laid upon the Table.

(3.) Removal of Protection of Emus in Prickly-pear Country:—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he remove the protection under the Birds Protection Act, 1901, accorded to emus in those parts of the country infested by prickly-pear, so that settlers may be able to remove one cause of the spread of the pear?

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Mr. Macdonell answered,—The emu is at present only protected during the period of a close season from 1st August in each year to 31st January then next succeeding. The Australian Museum authorities previously advised that they are not aware that the emu is a prolific means of spreading the prickly-pear. I am informed that the general opinion appears to be that, although emus to a certain extent are responsible for the spread of the prickly-pear pest, they are not more so than many other birds. I am also advised that, from reports obtained at different times respecting the emu, it would seem that the removal of this bird from absolute protection would have the effect of causing its total extinction at no distant date.

(4.) Land Settlement, Bellingen Land District:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many blocks of land have been designed for settlement within the Bellingen Land District in the counties of Raleigh and Fitzroy?

(2.) Where are the blocks located, and how many blocks are there in the largest group?

(3.) When will these lands be made available?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Thirteen blocks.

(2.) In parishes of Coff, Gandar, Moonee, and Bonville. The largest group contains four blocks.

(3.) It cannot be definitely stated, but the matter will be expedited as much as possible, and the Honorable Member informed.

(5.) Applications for Additional Holdings by C. E. T. and J. Pearson, County Bellingen:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What has become of applications by C. E. T. Pearson and J. Pearson for making available land for additional holdings within Forest Reserve 642, Land District of Bellingen, parish of Comlaroi?

(2.) Is it a fact that these applicants have each a very small area of hilly land, and that it is necessary for them to obtain additional areas in order to maintain their homes?

(3.) Will he see that the land is made available without further delay?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1 and 3.) Inspection of the land was made, and a design submitted, but the Forestry Department is opposed to revocation of any part of the reserve, which, it is stated, contains valuable timber.

(2.) It is understood that each applicant holds 69 acres of good rich land with frontage to Wayper Creek.

(6.) Tibbereenah Estate, Narrabri:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that A. E. Stafford, Narrabri, is monthly lessee of the Tibbereenah Estate?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Stafford has been using Tibbereenah for fattening sheep, and has thus nearly eaten it bare?

(3.) When are the Tibbereenah blocks to be thrown open?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) No. An occupancy to the end of this year has been given to the Country Freezing Company (Limited), with conditions strictly regulating and limiting the number of stock to be depastured.

(2.) A report has been received that the land is overstocked, and the Company has been directed to immediately reduce the number and comply with the occupancy conditions, otherwise the occupancy will be terminated at once; and steps are being taken to see that the direction is carried out.

(3.) The lands will be advertised in the *Gazette* of the 14th December as available for applications on the 16th January, 1911.

(7.) Timber on Tibbereenah Estate, Narrabri:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Secretary and Minister for Agriculture,—Is it a fact that A. E. Stafford, lessee of the Tibbereenah Estate (recently purchased by the Wade Administration), is cutting large quantities of timber from that property, and milling them at Narrabri?

Mr. Treflé answered,—No. A report which has been obtained from the local Forest Officer, however, shows that between the dates 20th July, 1910, when the first notice of resumption expired, and the 31st August, 1910, when the second notice of resumption was issued, 225 logs of timber were removed from this estate and cut up at the local sawmill.

(8.) Tibbereenah Estate, Narrabri:—*Mr. Black* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Tibbereenah Estate, Narrabri, was sold by the Commercial Bank to the late John Charters for £7,000?

(2.) Is it a fact that the late Administration paid £48,000 for the 12,180 acres of Tibbereenah to the executors of the Charters Estate?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) I have no information.

(2.) The estate was resumed by the late Government, the resumption price being £49,022 4s. 9d.

(9.) Yarralumla Shire Subsidy:—*Mr. Cusack* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to withhold subsidy from Yarralumla Shire in respect of the territory covered by the proclamation ceding the Federal City area to the Federal Government?

Mr. McGowen answered,—Authority has been given for payment of the endowment due in respect of the period up to 31st December next, and the money will be paid almost immediately.

(10.) Federal Capital Territory:—*Mr. Cusack* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has the Federal Government asked for further territory in connection with the Federal City area?

(2.) If so, will the question of ceding such territory be submitted to this House for consideration?

(3.) Will the Government recommend to the Federal Government the name by which the Parliament of the State most concerned desires the Federal City to be designated?

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Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is at present receiving the attention of the Government.
- (3.) This, I think, is a matter that might well be left to the Federal authorities to settle.

(11.) Irish Blight in Imported Potatoes :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Irish Blight has attacked potato crops in Tasmania and Victoria, and will he consider whether need exists for prohibiting the importation to, and landing of, such infected potatoes in New South Wales?
- (2.) Will he take the necessary steps, with the view of protecting local growers against the possible introduction of this disease, by issuing a proclamation in due course?

Mr. Trellé answered,—The Department is fully aware of the prevalence of Irish Blight in Tasmania and Victoria. The regulations now in force are considered to be sufficiently stringent to prevent the landing of infected potatoes.

(12.) Tibberreenah Estate, Narrabri :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) From whom was part of the Tibberreenah Estate, Narrabri, purchased or resumed by the late Government; what area of same was thus acquired; at what price per acre; and what was the total amount involved?
- (2.) Was the estate sold some years ago by the Commercial Bank to the late John Charters; when did such sale take place; what was the area then of the estate; and what was the acreage price paid by Charters?
- (3.) Has he any record which will show the value of the improvements on the estate at time of sale to Charters, and value of same on occasion of Government resumption?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) The trustees of the late John Charters; 12,306 acres 3 roods 14 perches; £3 19s. 8d. per acre; total purchase money, £49,022 4s. 9d.
- (2.) I have no information.
- (3.) No information of value at time of sale to Charters; £1,694 (apart from ringbarking, Yankee grubbing, and clearing, which the Advisory Board considered inseparable from the value of the land) when resumed by the Government.

(13.) Tramway Power-house Employees :—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Upon what conditions, as regards seniority, did the Tramway Department power-house employees resume duty after the tramway strike?
- (2.) Did the Tramway Wages Boards in any way affect these seniority conditions?
- (3.) What is now the recognised order of seniority in which these employees are placed?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed that :—

- (1.) Those whose places had not been filled during the strike resumed duty in their old positions. Those whose places had been filled were re-employed as vacancies occurred; but in some cases they had to accept work in lower grades. Since then all have been restored to their original positions, with the exception of seven men, for whom vacancies in their original grades have not yet arisen.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The seven employees referred to in reply No. 1 are shown at the top of their present grades on the seniority list; they will be restored to their original positions as vacancies occur in their previous grades.

(14.) Water Supply of City of Sydney and Environs :—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the inquiry of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works relating to the proposed Amplification and Improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to adopt the recommendation of the Committee that "Consideration be given by the Government to the question of the improvement of water storage by means of the construction of dams on the existing Catchment Area, or on the Warragamba or Weronora Rivers"?
- (2.) Will he give special consideration to the growing requirements of suburban districts to the south of Georges River, included in the Shire of Sutherland?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Will receive full consideration in common with other suburban districts.

(15.) Military Reserve, Liverpool :—Mr. Downes asked the Premier,—In regard to proposed resumption for military purposes south of Liverpool,—

- (1.) Has a definite agreement yet been arrived at with the Federal Government as to the area to be resumed?
- (2.) What area of Crown lands is it proposed to dedicate?
- (3.) What area of privately-owned lands is it proposed to resume?
- (4.) Has the valuation of these lands been completed?
- (5.) When is it likely the resumption will take place?
- (6.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a map showing the area proposed to be resumed and dedicated?

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Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) 30,000 acres.
- (3.) This has not been agreed upon and negotiations with the Commonwealth Government are still proceeding.
- (4.) A preliminary valuation has been made.
- (5.) I cannot at present say.
- (6.) Until an agreement shall have been arrived at respecting the extent of private lands to be acquired, it is not considered advisable to exhibit a map of the nature indicated.

(16.) Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway :—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the rails and all material for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway now available?
- (2.) Has any delay occurred in securing a water supply for this line; and, if so, which Department is responsible?
- (3.) Will he make every effort to have this line opened, either in whole or in part, as soon as possible?
- (4.) Will he name an approximate date when the line, or part of it, will be opened?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) All the rails are now available.
- (2.) Yes; the Water Supply and Sewerage Board was asked to give a supply, but in the first instance stated definitely this could not be done until the amplification works at George's River had been completed. It was again approached, and submitted a proposal at a rate that was considered prohibitive. A further application was then made to the Board, which reduced the cost, and undertook to supply at a rate which was agreed to. The Board has recently been asked to expedite the supply, but does not consider it will be possible to finish the necessary work until March or April next.
- (3.) Every endeavour will be made to open the line as soon as water is available.
- (4.) The date depends upon the provision of water supply.

(17.) Bridge across the Clarence at Susan Island, Wilson's Hill :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the estimated cost of constructing a bridge across the Clarence River at Susan Island and Wilson's Hill respectively?

Mr. Edden answered,—Estimated cost—at Susan Island, £252,000; Wilson's Hill, £135,000.

(18.) Northern Breakwater, Clarence River :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to refer the Northern Breakwater proposal at the Clarence River Heads to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works this Session?

Mr. Edden answered,—This matter cannot be decided until the Report of the Decentralisation Commission has been received.

(19.) Water Hyacinth :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister for Agriculture,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill at an early date to eradicate the water hyacinth?

Mr. Treflé answered,—A sum of money has been placed upon the Estimates to enable the Department to make the necessary preliminary investigations, with the view of introducing legislation at an early date.

(20.) Survey Staff, Grafton Land District :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take immediate steps to increase the Survey Staff in the Grafton Land District, so that survey work respecting applications for land can be expedited?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—Arrangements have been completed for increasing the Survey Staff in the Grafton Land District.

(21.) Grafton District School :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that additions and improvements to the Grafton District School are urgently required?
- (2.) Will he have tenders invited as early as possible, so that the work can be carried out during the Christmas vacation?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) Improvements to the Grafton District School are necessary.
- (2.) The question of carrying out the required work will be considered as soon as funds are available.

(22.) State Mining Batteries :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he taken any action to give effect to his proposal for the establishment of State batteries?

Mr. Edden answered,—Yes. A sum of money for assistance in erecting batteries has been placed on the Estimates, and reports have been called for in connection with applications which have been already received.

(23.) Mrs. Catherine Scott's Mining Lease :—Mr. Kelly asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has Mr. W. H. Palmer, Official Assignee, recovered from Mrs. Catherine Scott the one-sixteenth share of gold won under private mining agreement (Alma Gold Mine) due to Mr. S. A. Hutchinson's estate; if not, for what reason?

(2.) What is the reason for holding the interest taken by Mr. S. A. Hutchinson under private mining agreement for nearly four years without selling the interest or collecting the one-sixteenth share of gold due under it for the past seven years?

(3.) Is it a fact that the agreement has been abandoned by Mrs. Scott?

(4.) What is the nature of Mr. S. A. Hutchinson's interest, now said to be held by the Official Assignee?

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Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) No. Under the agreement of 11th May, one-sixteenth share only of the net profits was to be paid to Mrs. Scott. The statements supplied by Mrs. Scott to the Official Assignee of receipts and expenses from 4th May, 1903, to 28th March, 1908, showed a loss of £564 5s. 2d.
- (2.) The Official Assignee considers it to be valueless.
- (3.) I do not know.
- (4.) One-sixteenth share of net profits.

- (24.) Bankruptcy of Mr. S. A. Hutchinson :—Mr. Kelly asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has Mr. W. H. Palmer, Official Assignee, recovered from Mrs. Catherine Scott the amount of gold won by her encroachment upon Mr. S. A. Hutchinson's original private mining agreement, dated 13th October, 1902; and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Holman answered,—No. Mrs. Scott denied having removed any quartz from the Bankrupt's land, and as the Official Assignee had no reason to expect that he could succeed against her, he did not feel justified in embarking on litigation which would necessarily be expensive, and for which he had no funds available.

- (25.) Gloucester Water Supply :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were representations made to him by the Honorable Member for Gloucester as to the necessity of making provision for a water supply for local purposes and the railway service for the town and district of Gloucester?
- (2.) If so, will he state what steps are being taken in connection with such representations?
- (3.) Will he expedite the matter?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The matter will be attended to as soon as possible, so that water will be available for the railway when opened, as well as for the town if found financially feasible.

- (26.) Cost of Locomotive Engines :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Brinsley Hall, asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the cost per ton (including duty) of the last batch of engines imported by the New South Wales Government?
- (2.) What is the cost per ton (including duty) of the engines being manufactured at Clyde?
- (3.) What is the cost per ton (including duty) of the engines being manufactured at Eveleigh?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) Fifteen "P" class from Beyer, Peacock in 1909 (tender engines), £72 16s. 10d.; fifty "T" class from Beyer, Peacock in 1909 (tender engines), £72 9s. 5d.; ten "S" class from Beyer, Peacock in 1909 (tank engines), £76 11s. 2d.
- (2.) The contract price for the engines being built by the Clyde Company is £71 13s. 11d. per ton. The extra duty imposed by the 1907 Tariff has been allowed to the contractors, in addition to this rate per ton. The extra duty has not all been paid yet, but up to the present it averages 11s. 4d. per ton. The probable cost will be £72 5s. 6d.
- (3.) It is not possible to give the cost per ton of the engines now being built at Eveleigh, but the cost of those which have been completed is as under :—Ten "P" class (tender engines) in 1909, £67 17s.; five "N" class (tender engines), £73 13s. 2d. Note.—The cost of the "N" class includes an amount of £3 3s. 6d. per ton for drawings, as these engines were of a new design. No comparative charge was incurred in connection with the ten "P" class engines.

- (27.) Control of Pastures Protection Boards :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to amend the Local Government Act with a view of placing the Pastures Protection Board under the control of the Shire Councils?

Mr. Edden answered,—Parliament will be given the opportunity to decide when the Local Government Act Amendment Bill is being dealt with next Session.

- (28.) Police Department :—Mr. Burgess asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is a defaulter-sheet kept in the Police Department; and, if so, does any constable know what goes on the sheet in favour of or against him, and is he allowed to see it on application?
- (2.) Will the Government establish an Appeal Board in the Police Department to give the same opportunities to the police as are given in other branches of the Government Service?
- (3.) How many transfers of police were effected, both in the Metropolitan and country districts, between 15th August and 14th October of this year?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me :—

- (1 and 3.) Inquiries are being made in the various districts, of Superintendents of Police, in whose offices all record sheets are kept. When the information is received it will be furnished.
- (2.) The Police Force is a disciplinary service, and is administered on quite different lines to other branches of the Public Service. Punishments inflicted by Superintendents, under the regulations, can be appealed against to the Inspector-General of Police, and both punishments approved of or inflicted by the Inspector-General himself can be appealed against to the Chief Secretary.

- (29.) Police Removal Expenses :—Mr. Burgess asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are police constables, on transfer from one station to another, allowed expenses for removal of furniture and household effects?
- (2.) If the constable is allowed expenses, does the Department pay him the amount immediately the accounts are submitted?
- (3.) Is it a fact the constable has to accept whatever the Department gives him?

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Mr. Macdonell answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me,—

- (1.) Police are allowed fares for themselves and families and part cost of removal of furniture, unless such transfers have been brought about by application for removal or by misconduct. This practice has obtained for the past sixteen years.
- (2.) Superintendents in charge of districts pay all such claims without delay.
- (3.) Yes.

(30.) Transfer of Fitzroy Dock to Commonwealth :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government have a proposal afoot, or are considering the desirability or otherwise, of handing over control of Fitzroy Dock to the Commonwealth Government?
- (2.) If such a project is contemplated, under what conditions is the transfer to be made, and does the Commonwealth propose to pay full cash value for the dock property, or merely owe it, as has been the case in connection with other transferred properties?

Mr. McGowen answered,—There is no such intention.

(31.) Loan to Mr. A. C. Carmichael from Advances to Settlers Board :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Colonel Onslow, asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with a loan to Mr. A. C. Carmichael from the Advances to Settlers Board on 1st May, 1899?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The return should be moved for in the usual way.

(32.) Fisheries Board :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the answer given to a Question without Notice, by the Honorable Member for Gloucester on the 16th instant, in regard to Fisheries administration, will he state whether the late Board of Fisheries has been consulted or asked to advise on a single matter since their abolition last month?
- (2.) Did he wish to convey to the House the impression that the Board was being consulted, and was advising him in respect to Fisheries administration?
- (3.) Who is administering the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, and has such person any knowledge of Fisheries or their administration or control?
- (4.) Have appointments of Inspectors and other officers been made in accordance with such Acts?
- (5.) Under what authority are the Fisheries Acts being administered?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

- (1. and 2.) There has been no occasion to consult the Board of Advice so far.
- (3.) The Chief Secretary, as provided by Statute.
- (4.) No reappointments have yet been made. The matter is before the Crown Law authorities.
- (5.) That of the Chief Secretary.

(33.) Shire and Municipal Councils Legal Actions :—Mr. Price asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) In view of the fact that the officers of the Shire and Municipal Councils have to take action for breaches of the law, will he take into consideration,—(a) The cost to the Councils and Shires entailed in paying such officers for the time during which the officers are engaged in such actions; (b) the equity in granting the costs, fines, and expenses recovered to such Shires and Municipalities with a view to recompensing the ratepayers for the expenses entailed in all such actions?
- (2.) Will he arrange for the payment of all such amounts to the local bodies; if so, when will he give effect to such alteration?

Mr. Edden answered,—A note has been made to provide in the contemplated Local Government Act Amendment Bill that the fines imposed as the result of proceedings taken by Councils under any Act shall be paid to those Councils' accounts. The question of extending this to cover "costs" will receive consideration.

(34.) Wyangla Water Conservation Scheme :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he submit to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during this Session the Wyangla scheme of water conservation at the head of the Lachlan River?

Mr. Edden answered,—The matter will be brought before the Cabinet as soon as a favourable opportunity presents itself.

(35.) Mrs. Catherine Scott's Mining Lease :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Was Mrs. Catherine Scott owner of portion 7, parish Baratta, county Cunningham, at the time she made application for lease dated 26th October, 1909?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the boundaries of the Alma Gold Mine were defined by the Equity Court?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such boundaries are not fenced?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Alma Gold Mine, as fenced, is encroaching to the extent of $5\frac{3}{4}$ acres?
- (5.) Is it a fact that S. A. Hutchinson's prior application for authority to enter, which is said to be marked "withdrawn," covers part of the land encroached upon?
- (6.) What is the date such application was marked "withdrawn"?
- (7.) Who is responsible for marking Hutchinson's application "withdrawn"?
- (8.) What is the nature of the Surveyor's report in connection with the survey of Mrs. Scott's area, P.G.L. 4?
- (9.) Is it a fact that the Warden fixed the 10th November, 1909, 8th December, 1909, and 12th January, 1910, for inquiry under section 51, Mining Act 1906, without notifying L. M. Black and H. B. Hutchinson, the applicants, of any such inquiry; if so, what is the reason?
- (10.) Is it usual for Wardens to strike out applications for authority to enter, without giving applicants any notice whatever?
- (11.) What has become of the deposits lodged with applications struck out in this way?

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Mr. Edden answered,—

(1.) Yes:

(2.) An area, including the Alma Gold Mine, was defined by the Equity Court.

(3 and 4.) I am not in a position to say whether the area is now fenced.

(5.) I am not aware.

(6 and 7.) No date is attached to the entry "withdrawn," which is in the handwriting of Mr. Warden Fletcher, who performed the duties of Warden at Condobolin from 1st August, 1907, to 29th February, 1908.

(8.) Mr. Mining Surveyor John Thomas reports as follows:—"This land was pegged in accordance with the regulations. This land is known as the Mount Alma Mine, and I understand has been held by Mrs. Scott in the past by virtue of an agreement with Mrs. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson claims, under an agreement, the area shown by broken lines on plan. Mr. Hutchinson informed me that his estate, and also the estate of Mrs. Hutchinson (his wife), are in the hands of the Official Assignee, and that a sale had been made by that officer, but that the agreement with his wife, by which he claims the area described above, was not sold. He also stated that his wife had, by her agreement with Mrs. Scott, one-sixteenth of the gold won from the Mount Alma Mine, which he considers is the same as a paid-up share. This interest, he also contends, was not sold." Some of this information was supplied by Mr. Hutchinson, and I cannot certify as to its accuracy.

(9.) Applicants are notified of the date of inquiry under section 51, and if such inquiry is postponed an announcement to that effect is made in open Court. No formal notice in writing is sent to the applicants, who are expected to be present when the announcement is made. In the present case, however, it is understood that the late Warden's Bailiff at Condobolin informed Messrs. Black and Hutchinson of the postponements in question.

(10.) No.

(11.) In the event of applications being withdrawn or abandoned before rent or compensation has been paid in full, the deposit may be forfeited to the Crown (*vide* section 50 Mining Act, 1906).

(36.) Protection of State Rights:—Mr. Kelly asked the Premier,—What action does he intend to take to conserve the sovereign rights of the people of New South Wales, if encroached upon by the Commonwealth?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The Honorable Member may rest assured that if any action is taken by the Commonwealth Government which, in the opinion of this Government, improperly encroaches upon the rights of the State of New South Wales as defined by the Constitution, we shall be quite prepared to take such action as may be necessary to conserve such rights.

(37.) State Government House:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cost of the additions to the Governor's residence at Rose Bay?

Mr. Edden answered,—Inclusive of additions and alterations to the buildings, new sewerage, and laying out of grounds, £12,736.

(38.) Consumptives at Rookwood Asylum:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several cases of consumptives are located at the Rookwood Asylum?

(2.) If so, will he have them removed to the Consumptive Hospital on the Mountains, where they should receive proper treatment?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The patients will be transferred to the Waterfall Hospital for Consumptives as vacancies occur at that institution.

(39.) Level Crossings on North Coast Railway:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has it been laid down as a principle in railway construction and working that, wherever practicable, subways should be substituted or constructed in preference to level crossings; if so, is it a fact that this course has been departed from at the following places on the North Coast railway line, viz.:—(a) Mrs. Bradfield's, near Ram's Station, Karuah River; (b) Mr. Joseph Barnes, 69 miles 65 chains, Telegerry Creek, Johnston's Creek; (c) Mr. R. A. Grant, Ward's River, about 78 miles 28 chains?

(2.) Will he be good enough to cause a special report to be made respecting—(a) cost of subways; (b) saving in the cost of working the subways as against the level crossings; (c) minimum of danger to the public and train traffic from construction of subways, with a view to having the necessary subways constructed instead of level railway crossings?

Mr. Edden answered,—

(1.) Where subways can be provided at a reasonable cost it is desirable to build them in lieu of level crossings for public roads. For private crossings subways are not essential, as the cost is too great, and in the cases referred to it has been considered that level crossings will meet all reasonable requirements.

(2.) (a) The cost of three subways would amount to about £840; (b) no saving in cost of working subways; (c) as these are all private crossings, it is unnecessary to go to the greater expense of subways.

(40.) Platform at Karoo Flat, North Coast Railway:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the fact that the plate-laying is nearing completion in the vicinity of Karoo Flat on the North Coast Railway, near Wingham, will he take steps to fix a site for the platform at Karoo Flat?

(2.) When will this matter be finally determined as to site, and will he be good enough to expedite same?

Mr. Edden answered—The Chief Railway Commissioner is the authority under the Act to say where platforms shall be placed.

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- (41.) Salaries of Police :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the country police have been put to increased expense in consequence of the increased cost of living?
 - (2.) Is this increased cost of living consequent upon the higher rates of wages paid in the various other trades and callings and the consequent increase in the prices of all commodities?
 - (3.) If so, what increases have been granted to meet such cases, and when were such increases paid?
 - (4.) Are there any allowances in abeyance; if so, what amounts, and will he cause them to be paid at an early date?
 - (5.) In view of the further increase in the cost of living, due to the causes mentioned, is it proposed to grant any further increases; if so, when will such be payable, and what will be the amount of such proposed increases?
 - (6.) The like information with regard to the city and suburban members of the force?
- Mr. Macdonell answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me :—
- (1.) Yes, both city and country police, in common with the whole community.
 - (2.) I cannot say, but I believe it is primarily due to the increased duties upon clothing and other necessaries of life.
 - (3.) An increase of 6d. per diem was granted in the pay of the police on the 1st September, 1907, and a further increase of 6d. per diem on the 1st July, 1910.
 - (4.) There are no allowances in abeyance.
 - (5.) No.
 - (6.) Metropolitan police have received the same treatment as country police as regards increases in salary.
- (42.) Appointments under Justices (Amendment) Act :—Mr. Dacey asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) When the Justices (Amendment) Act, providing for the appointment of a Chairman of the Stipendiary Bench of Magistrates and members of the Licensing Court, was passed in December, 1909, did the then Premier state the matter was one of urgency?
 - (2.) Have such appointments been made; if not, how has the urgency been satisfied?
 - (3.) Are the appointments to be made; if so, when?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Wade stated that the object of the Bill was largely in the direction of simplifying and making more expeditious and easy the procedure before Justices. I am unable to find that he stated the matter referred to was one of urgency.
 - (2.) (a) No; (b) answered by (1).
 - (3.) Yes. The matter is now under consideration.
- (43.) Officers of Information Bureau, Lands Department :—Mr. Black asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the offices of the Information Bureau open at 10 a.m. and close at 3 p.m.?
 - (2.) Do the working hours of the officers there employed begin and end at the periods stated?
 - (3.) How many officers are there employed?
 - (4.) What are the salaries of the officers mentioned?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) The Information Bureau of the Lands Department is open to the public between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily, except on Saturdays, when it is open from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
 - (2.) No. The working hours are from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily, except on Saturday, when the hours are from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. Officers, however, frequently commence work before and work after the hours stated in order to cope with current work.
 - (3.) The Information Bureau is incorporated with the Map Sales Branch. Fourteen (14) officers are employed, including two messengers, the services of one boy only partly available. The Acting Officer-in-Charge is also Metropolitan Crown Land Agent and Officer-in-Charge of Church and School Lands.
 - (4.) £390, £290, £220, two at £210, £180, £150, £140, £130, £120, £112, £95; messengers, £45 10s. and £32 10s. respectively.
- (44.) Old Railway Sleepers :—Mr. Black asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that old sleepers are worth from 25s. to 30s. per hundred?
 - (2.) Is it the practice of the Railway authorities to destroy old sleepers, by burning them?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) The rates obtained for old sleepers vary, as high as 1s. and 1s. 6d. each being obtained.
 - (2.) It is not the practice to burn old sleepers which are of any use to the Department, or the sale of which would cover the cost of picking up.
- (45.) Transfer of State Properties to the Commonwealth :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—Will he convey to this House a statement as to the total amount involved in regard to properties of the State of New South Wales transferred to the Commonwealth; and state what steps he intends to take, and when, with the object of securing payment of this amount by the Commonwealth?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—The value of properties taken over by the Commonwealth with the transferred Departments, as assessed by the State valuers, and agreed upon between the State and the Commonwealth, is £3,674,648, and to this has to be added the value of the properties taken over recently with the Quarantine Service, estimated at £113,000. These two amounts taken together show a total of £3,787,648. Action in the direction of securing a settlement of the State's claim in this regard has already been taken by the Government, and negotiations are still proceeding.

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(46.) Bookbinders and Lithographers in the Public Service:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that whilst bookbinders and lithographers in the Government Printing Office work forty-eight hours per week, persons following the same occupations in the Lands Department enjoy shorter hours, viz., thirty-five and a half hours per week?
- (2.) Will he consider this matter?

Mr. McGowen answered,—In accordance with Public Service Regulation No. 328, bookbinders, lithographers, and all the mechanical branches in the Government Printing Office work forty-six hours per week. The lithographic hand-press men and the printers employed in the Lands Department also work forty-six hours per week. No bookbinders are employed in the Lands Department.

(47.) Grant to Wife and Family of Porter Allen:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to make a special grant to the wife and family of Porter Allen, killed whilst on duty and when making a successful effort to save the life of a lad who had fallen between a car and a platform at Sydney Railway Station?
- (2.) If the matter has not yet been dealt with, will he take steps to place upon the Estimates a reasonable sum to meet the circumstances of the case, and apart from any grant which may be made in the usual way by the Railway Commissioners?

Mr. McGowen answered,—In view of the fact that the Chief Commissioner for Railways has made a special grant of £300, and that the public, in response to an appeal by the Lord Mayor, have subscribed a sum approaching £400, it is not considered that the Government is called upon to supplement this action.

(48.) Orange Lockup—Garra Public School:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will a tender be accepted for repairs, &c., at Orange lockup and police quarters?
- (2.) Has a tender yet been accepted for additions, &c., at Garra Public School; if not, when will same be accepted?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) Tenders have been received, and are now with my Honorable Colleague, the Chief Secretary.
- (2.) No. The matter is awaiting the decision of the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction.

(49.) Punishment of Railway Employees:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of urging the Railway Commissioners to confer power on District Superintendents to determine the form of punishment to be inflicted on station-masters, drivers, and other railway servants for breaches of regulations and discipline, instead, as at present, of allowing such task to be performed by an officer, or officers, located in the metropolis?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the existing system has caused much friction in the ranks of country railway employees?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) The Railways Act provides that whenever an officer is guilty of misconduct, or the breaking of a rule, by-law, or regulation, the Head of the Branch is to deal with him. If this duty were in the hands of the District Officers, there would probably be an absence of uniformity, which would lead to considerable dissatisfaction.
- (2.) No.

(50.) Closer Settlement:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many resumed estates are at present in course of subdivision for closer settlement purposes, with names, areas, and location?
- (2.) How many estates have been proclaimed, but not authorised for resumption purposes, with names, area, and location?
- (3.) What course does he propose to take with regard to carrying out the principles of the Closer Settlement and Closer Settlement Promotion Acts?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I will presently lay the information, in the form of a return, upon the Table of this House.
- (3.) The work of making the estates already purchased or resumed available for settlement is proceeding as rapidly as possible, and the work of the Advisory Boards is going on in regard to both Acts mentioned.

(51.) Coal bought by Government during Strike:—Mr. Estell asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The quantity of coal bought by the late Government during the currency of the late strike, and the amount paid for same?
- (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?

Mr. McGowen answered,—This information is being collected, and will be included in the return which I promised, in reply to the Question asked to-day by the Honorable Member for the Gwydir, would be laid upon the Table.

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- (52.) Salaries of Attendants, Hospitals for the Insane :—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make provision on the present Estimates for such of the Hospital for Insane attendants as did not participate in the allocation of the moneys provided by the previous Government for the purpose of increasing their salaries?
Mr. Macdonell answered,—All the attendants in the Hospitals for the Insane received the special increase provided on 1st July last.
- (53.) Foot-bridge over Cook's River and Causeway over Wolli Creek :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he have carried out, at an early date, the approval given to the building of a footbridge over Cook's River—upon the piers of the water pipes—from the Warren, Marrickville, to Wanstead?
(2.) Will he have a causeway built over Wolli Creek, as proposed under former applications to the Department, so as to afford access to the recreation oval at Tempe, and direct communication between Arncliffe and Marrickville?
Mr. Edden answered,—
(1.) £200 have been approved for the carrying out of this work, and the matter now awaits action by one of the Municipal Councils interested, in response to a communication from the Public Works Department.
(2.) This is entirely a matter for the Municipalities to carry out.
- (54.) "Riverside," Cook's River :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have brought to an early conclusion the negotiation entered into by the late Secretary for Lands for purchasing "Riverside," Cook's River, as a recreation ground for Marrickville and the Western Suburbs generally?
Mr. Nielsen answered,—The purchase of the land at a price arranged has been authorised, and action towards having the formal contract signed is now being taken. The matter will be expedited as much as possible. I may say that I am awaiting the result of some arrangement that is being made between the Marrickville Council and the vendor.
- (55.) Improvement of Cook's River :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the areas surrounding Tempe and the upper reaches of Cook's River are fast being built upon, and have already developed into populous suburbs?
(2.) Is it a fact that the insanitary condition of this river has been a constant source of complaint by the municipalities and the residents?
(3.) Has a sum of money been expended in starting the cleansing and improvement work?
(4.) Have complaints been made at this work being suspended?
(5.) When will the Government continue this work, and press it to a completion?
(6.) Prior to continuing the work, will he have resumed the low-lying allotments at Marrickville Flats and Wanstead, and the dredged material placed upon those lands to raise them above tide-flood level?
Mr. Edden answered,—
(1.) The increase in the population has been normal in most parts of the river district, but in a few places, such as Campsie, it might, perhaps, be considered rapid.
(2.) Representations were made to the Department some years back as to the insanitary condition of Cook's River, but owing to its improved condition, very few complaints have been received during the past few years.
(3.) An amount was expended in reclaiming certain land at the confluence of Cook's River and Wolli Creek, and the work is now complete.
(4.) The carrying out of additional work has been urged on the Department.
(5 and 6.) The matter is now under consideration.
- (56.) Tramways, Bexley to Dumbleton and Dulwich Hill to Wattle Hill :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at an early date, carry out the intention of the late Secretary for Public Works to extend the sectional tramways from Bexley to Dumbleton and from Dulwich Hill to Wattle Hill?
Mr. Edden answered,—Will be considered when the tramway policy of the Government is being dealt with.
- (57.) Fern Hill Sewer :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to accept a tender for the Fern Hill sewer?
Mr. Edden answered,—Tender was accepted on the 26th instant.
- (58.) Homebush-Belmore-Campsie and Fernhill-Balmain Railways :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) When does the Government intend to proceed with the construction of the railway, Homebush to Belmore-Campsie, and the railway from Fernhill to Balmain, and other adjunct lines as sanctioned by the last Parliament?
(2.) Seeing the closely-developed suburbs through which these lines pass, and the revenue likely to be derived from a passenger traffic, will he consider the advisability of establishing upon these lines station platforms for this traffic?
Mr. Edden answered,—
(1.) No money has yet been voted for this work.
(2.) The line, as approved by Parliament, is a goods line, and the Railway Commissioners advise me that it would not be desirable to attempt to work passenger traffic over it; but I should be glad to hear from the Honorable Member further reasons in justification of the proposed change.

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- (59.) Pott's Hill Reservoir :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to ask Parliament this Session to approve of the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works regarding the extension of the Pott's Hill Reservoir, and the water supply to the Illawarra Suburbs?
 - (2.) Will he consider the urgency of this work owing to the growth of these suburbs now going on
- Mr. Edden* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am fully alive to the necessity for the extension.
- (60.) Illawarra Road to Undercliff Tramway :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- When is it his intention to call tenders for the Illawarra Road to Undercliff Tramway, the construction of which was approved by the late Secretary for Public Works?
- Mr. Edden* answered,—My predecessor authorised the erection of a bridge over the Illawarra Line at Sydenham, and also the construction of the tramway. Plans have been prepared, and the matter will be fully re-considered in conjunction with the general tramway policy of the Government.
- (61.) Bankstown to Liverpool Railway :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, during the present Session of Parliament, submit the proposed railway connecting line, Bankstown to Liverpool, to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report?
- Mr. Edden* answered,—I have not yet had time to give this proposal any consideration.
- (62.) Remodelling of Boards and Commissions :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—
- (1.) With regard to the statement of the Honorable Frederick Flowers, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Executive Council, on Saturday last at Marrickville, viz., "That the Government would have to deal "with the antiquated Boards and Commissions," is there any definite course proposed by the Government to this end, or is it the definite intention of the Government to remodel the various Public Boards and Commissions?
 - (2.) Does the statement of Mr. Flowers refer to the following Boards :—The Railway Commissioners, Sydney Harbour Trust, Public Service Board, Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage?
 - (3.) If not, would he inform this House to what Boards and Commissions the above statement refers?
- Mr. McGowen* answered,—I do not feel called upon to interpret for the Honorable Member any remarks which the Honorable Mr. Flowers made, or is alleged to have made, at a public meeting. If he wishes further information on the point, I suggest that he apply to the Honorable Gentleman himself.
- (63.) Curtailment of Railway Service during Coal Strike :—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Upon what date did the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways issue instructions curtailing the railway service of New South Wales during the recent Newcastle coal strike?
 - (2.) Upon that date what amount of coal did the Chief Commissioner have available stored at the various railway stations of New South Wales?
 - (3.) How long would the coal available for use by the Chief Commissioner maintain the train service without curtailment?
- Mr. McGowen* answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) The reduced service commenced on 28th November, 1909.
 - (2.) 35,679 tons.
 - (3.) About nineteen days' consumption, allowing for tramway requirements. As, however, the coal was stacked at the various depôts to provide for the ordinary service, the quantity at main line centres would not have been sufficient to maintain the service for more than about sixteen days.
- (64.) Relieving Staff, Public School Teachers :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many teachers are there on the relieving staff for the whole of the State?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the number is much too small to meet the exigencies of the Service, and as a result teachers are unable to secure relief in cases of sickness, &c., or if they are compelled to cease doing duty, the schools to which they are attached are conducted on a short-handed system, the balance of the staff being consequently overworked?
- Mr. Beeby* answered,—No specific number of teachers is allocated for relieving work only; but during the current year, in all cases of sickness when leave of absence has been shown to be necessary it has been granted, and in the majority of instances assistance has been immediately provided. When the absence is for a brief period only, it is not unreasonable to expect the remainder of the staff to share the duties of the absent teacher, classes generally being of such a size that this can very well be done. The need, however, for a greater relieving staff is recognised, and it is expected that a larger number of relieving teachers will be at the disposal of the Department next year from the ranks of ex-students of the Teachers' Training College. It has to be borne in mind that the year 1910 has been an abnormal one in respect of the prevalence of sickness.
- (65.) Conversion of Tenures :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many applications have been received by his Department for the right to convert homestead selections, settlement leases, &c., under the provisions of the measure known as the Conversion of Tenures Act, 1908, between the 17th October, and the present date, and how many of these have been agreed to?
- Mr. Nielsen* answered,—Up to the 22nd instant, 574 applications had been received, and the Local Land Board had confirmed four.

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- (66.) Ringbarking on Settlement Leases :—Mr. G. A. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that settlement lessees desirous of ringbarking scrub or useless timber upon their leases are compelled to pay the sum of £2 for Ministerial consent to such ringbarking?
 - (2.) If so, will he consider whether it is a reasonable and fair charge in cases where the land is absolutely useless without being ringbarked, and as such lessees are tenants of the Crown, will he make the necessary representations, in the interests of settlement on Crown lands, to the Forestry Department, to abolish the stipulated fee of £2?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) Under No. 32 of the Forestry Regulations a fee of £2 is required to be paid with applications for permission to ringbark, but such applications are only necessary where the conditions of the lease do not provide for the ringbarking of timber.
 - (2.) The matter is receiving the consideration of my Honorable Colleague the Minister for Agriculture.
- (67.) Strike-promoter Stokes :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has received a communication from the A.M.A. at Broken Hill, covering a resolution passed by the unionists, in which reference is made to their “unspeakable indignation, and the insult offered to the residents of the Barrier” by the refusal of the Government to release strike-promoter Stokes?
 - (2.) Has he refused to release Stokes?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I have not seen my way to recommend further remission.
- (68.) Interest paid by Commonwealth on Value of Transferred State Properties :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is the Commonwealth expected to pay interest to this State upon the aggregate value of transferred properties previously belonging to New South Wales; if not, why not?
 - (2.) Is this State paying interest upon the total amount so involved?
 - (3.) If such interest is not being paid, will he make representations to the Commonwealth Government with the object of coming to some arrangement on this question?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—As stated in my reply to Question No. 45 this day, this Government is now negotiating with the Commonwealth authorities in regard to this matter.
- (69.) Postal Officials' Conditions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the postal officials of New South Wales are reported to be the most “sweated” and ill-paid of the people's employees, and that the Royal Commission appointed by the Commonwealth to investigate postal and telegraphic matters and concerns has been emphatic in its denunciation of the treatment meted out to those above referred to?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that up to the present absolutely nothing has been done to improve upon this condition of things, but that, on the other hand, it is proposed by the Federal Government to sacrifice £400,000 a year by instituting the system of penny postage?
 - (3.) Will he suggest to the Federal Government the desirability of improving the conditions of the Service before relieving the users of the Postal and Telegraphic Departments of £400,000, charged for services rendered?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—The matters referred to by the Honorable Member are solely within the jurisdiction of the Federal authorities, and this Government would not be justified in interfering as suggested.
- (70.) Penalties under Gaming and Betting Act :—Mr. Dunn asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have representations been made to him that a fine cannot be inflicted in minor cases under the Gaming and Betting Act?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to amend the Act so as to provide for imprisonment with the option of a fine?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1.) I have not been able to trace any special representations on this subject.
 - (2.) The matter will be fully considered.
- (71.) Cook's River Road :—The Reverend Mr. Crawford asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take action soon to widen Cook's River Road, from St. Peters Railway Crossing to the river bridge?
- Mr. Beeby answered,—This is a matter that must be considered in conjunction with a general scheme for City improvement.
- (72.) Low-lying Lands, Tempe :—The Reverend Mr. Crawford asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps at an early date to terminate the situation created through an embargo having been placed on the low-lying lands at Tempe?
- Mr. Macdonell answered,—The attention of the Board of Health was drawn to the low-lying, unhealthy nature of this land by the Municipal Council of Marrickville; it was reported upon by professional officers of the Board, and surveyed under supervision of the Department of Public Works; it was then inspected in detail by the Members of the Board personally, who confirmed the opinion of the Marrickville Council. Issue of a proclamation having the effect of making building on the land illegal was approved on the recommendation of the Board and made accordingly.

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(73.) Residence Conditions on Leases:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the Lands Department require settlers who took up conditional lease land in 1897 to do ten years' residence after conversion, or will their continued residence be sufficient?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—Upon conversion of a conditional lease into an additional conditional purchase, the residence term attaching thereto is reducible by the period of continuous residence performed by the lessee up to and immediately before the commencement of such residence term.

(74.) New Canterbury Road to Parramatta Road Tramway:—Mr. Cohen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does the Government intend to construct the line of tramway from New Canterbury Road to Parramatta Road already surveyed?

(2.) If so, will tenders be shortly invited?

Mr. Beeby answered,—Not at present.

(75.) Chairmen of Wages Boards:—Mr. Thrower asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What are the names of the gentlemen who have acted as Chairmen of Boards under the Industrial Disputes Act?

(2.) What is the amount of money received by each up to date?

Mr. Holman answered,—This information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(76.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers:—Mr. Thrower asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—What is the amount of money paid by the Department of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to the proprietors of the following newspapers for Government advertisements for the year ended 30th June, 1910, viz.,—*The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Evening News*, and *The Sun*?

Mr. Holman answered,—The Government Printer, who has control of matters relating to Government advertising, has furnished me with the following information:—*The Sydney Morning Herald*, £319 18s. 6d.; *The Daily Telegraph*, £332 17s. 6d.; *The Evening News*, £118 13s. 5d.; *The Sun*, £111 13s.

(77.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers:—Mr. Thrower asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the amount of money paid by his Department to the proprietors of the following newspapers for Government advertisements for the year ended 30th June, 1910, viz.,—*The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Evening News*, and *The Sun*?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—*The Sydney Morning Herald*, £48 2s.; *The Daily Telegraph*, £36 16s.; *The Evening News*, £21 6s.; *The Sun*, £21 10s.

(78.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers:—Mr. Thrower asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount of money paid by the Department of Public Works to the proprietors of the following newspapers for Government advertisements for the year ended 30th June, 1910, viz.,—*The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Evening News*, and *The Sun*?

Mr. Beeby answered,—The Government Printer has furnished the following statement:—

	<i>Sydney Morning Herald.</i>	<i>Daily Telegraph.</i>	<i>Evening News.</i>	<i>Sun.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ministerial (Tenders, &c.)	201 12 9	195 5 0	106 3 0	136 16 6
Railway Construction Branch	2 4 6	2 1 0	1 12 8	1 17 6
Land Valuer	8 12 6	10 3 0	3 14 4	.....
Labour Bureau	1 15 0	1 13 6	.....	.....
Local Government	10 5 6	4 12 6	.....	.....
	224 10 3	213 15 0	111 10 0	138 14 0

(79.) Contracting for Railway Sleepers:—Mr. Thrower asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In connection with the supply of railway sleepers, will he see that the system of contracting is abolished, and that the men be paid direct by his Department?

Mr. Beeby answered,—This matter is receiving the careful consideration of the Department.

(80.) Casual Labourers, Eveleigh Workshops:—Mr. Dacey asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the conditions under which casual labourers at Eveleigh Workshops are employed?

(2.) Are some of them engaged on water supply works in the country; if so, do they put in as much as twelve hours at a time travelling, for which they receive no payment?

(3.) Do they receive any allowance for "night-out" expenses?

(4.) Do they receive only ordinary pay for Sunday work and overtime?

(5.) Do they have to sleep in the open air through the neglect of the Department to provide workmen's vans?

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Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Casual labourers at Eveleigh workshops are employed on water supply work only. They receive 7s. per day of eight hours, and overtime, if worked, at ordinary rate of pay.
- (2.) Yes ; but the conditions of employment are made known to them before engagement. They receive free passes when travelling from Sydney to the country and back.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No. Workmen's vans are sent whenever practicable ; but when this cannot be done owing to short and hurried jobs, tents are sent, or arrangements made to accommodate the men in the pump-house or other departmental building.

(81.) Public Service Departmental Boards :—Mr. Robson asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When are the Departmental Boards to be appointed under the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1910 ?
- (2.) When are the temporary officers to be transferred to the permanent staff under the same Act ?

Mr. Holman answered—

- (1.) This awaits the appointment of the third Member of the Public Service Board.
- (2.) A considerable number of officers have been dealt with, and arrangements for their medical examination are being made ; the remainder are under consideration.

(82.) Claim of Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,— With regard to the claim of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) for the refund of the deposit of £10,000, placed by that Corporation in trust with the Government, as a guarantee for carrying out the work of harbour forming at Lake Illawarra, and other works,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Wise, K.C., at one time Attorney-General of this State, give an opinion, in 1904, that the deposit was but held in trust by the Government, and should be returned under the circumstances ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the above Corporation expended over £100,000 in the permanent work of its project, when the adjacent competing work of Port Kembla was initiated by Government and work commenced ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the action of the Government caused the project of the above-named Company to collapse ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Company proved its good faith, and expended and lost £100,000 ; if so, will he submit to Parliament a Bill having for its purpose the refund of the £10,000 deposit, so that Parliament may be able to fully consider the Company's claim ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The reasons which are contained in the Honorable Member's Questions in favour of reconsidering the claim of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation for a refund of this deposit were very fully stated by the Honorable Member for Allowrie (Mr. Mark F. Morton) on the 29th October, 1908, when he moved for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Petition presented by the Company in question to this House on the 17th October, 1907. The motion was, after considerable debate, negatived by a large majority, and, under the circumstances, I cannot see my way to introduce a Bill to authorise the refunding of this amount, which was duly forfeited in accordance with the law.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Estates resumed for Closer Settlement Purposes, and Estates proclaimed but not authorised for Resumption Purposes.
- (2.) Particulars of Leases issued on 23rd November, 1910, under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers respecting the cases of Edward Vernel Carr and John Heazlett—Forgery and Uttering.
- (2.) Papers respecting the case of John Bridge—Forgery and Uttering.
- (3.) Papers respecting the case of Edwin Balkham—Breach of the Parliamentary Elections Act.
- (4.) Papers respecting the Jury Panel in the case of Rex v. Bowling and Others.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Holman made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the Papers he had just laid upon the Table of this House respecting the Jury Panel in the case of Rex v. Bowling and others.

Mr. Wade also spoke.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notifications of resumption of land ; under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Riverstone, Trelawney, Petersham, West Arncliffe, Gibberagee, Albion, Red Ant Hill, Tumut, Glenpatrick, Tulmah, Momalong, Loomberah, Tangaratta, Timbumburi, and Opossum Creek.
- (2.) New and Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1910.
- (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th September, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Treffé laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Director of the Botanic Gardens and Domains for 1909.
- (2.) Notification cancelling Regulation No. 1, under the Stock Act, 1901, and issuing Amended Regulations in lieu thereof.
- (3.) Report of the Forestry Branch, Department of Agriculture, for the year ended 30th June, 1910.
- (4.) Amendments of Regulations Nos. 2(a), 16, 23, 34(4), and 34(6), under the Forestry Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. **EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Beeby, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

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 Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon.

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

7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Mr. McGowen (*by consent*) 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 1910-1911, 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 and passed.

8. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McGowen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Point of Order :—Mr. Wade contended that as there was no constitutional Chairman of Committees, and consequently could be no Temporary Chairmen, the question arose whether the Speaker was in a position to proceed with the business and vacate his Chair upon this motion. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said his predecessor had, on 26th June, 1900 (before the permanent Chairman for the Session had been elected), ruled that he could call upon a Temporary Chairman to take the Chair, and he did call upon a Temporary Chairman to take it. On the 25th August, 1904, a Temporary Chairman took the Chair, and the Supply Bill was passed through on that day, although the permanent Chairman was not appointed until 20th September. He therefore ruled that a Temporary Chairman could be called upon to take the Chair.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker then called upon Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick to take the Chair.

Point of Order :—Mr. Wade submitted that, as this was the first Session of a new Parliament, the Chairman of Committees elected in the last Parliament had ceased to exist, and that being so, and the permanent Chairman not having been elected, paragraph (c) of Standing Order No. 28, providing for Temporary Chairmen being appointed and acting, could not apply, because it only came into force when the Chairman had been appointed, or during his term of office. He contended that the proper course was for the Premier, before the House went into Committee, to submit a motion that a named Honorable Member do take the Chair, which, if carried, would clothe that gentleman with the authority of office and all its powers; and he referred to "May," 10th edition, page 569, where the procedure of the House of Commons in a new Parliament is laid down.

Mr. Speaker said he could not sustain the point raised as based on the procedure of the House of Commons. Speaking from memory, he was under the impression that the Chairman of Supply was elected in Committee of Supply, and in that respect the procedure of the House of Commons differed from that followed here, which makes distinct provision for the appointment of the Chairman of Committees. He held that, once a Temporary Chairman takes the Chair, under our Standing Order he takes it with all the powers of one specifically appointed by the House itself; and he ruled that under our Standing Order a Temporary Chairman can take the Chair and conduct the business just as though he were permanent Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,101,930; being £731,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the month of December, 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 1910-11; and

£33,430

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£33,430 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz. :—
 £6,430 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, Clerical, and General Divisions of the Service, and to Public School Teachers, £6,320; to pay Increases to Officers and Employees of the Sydney Harbour Trust in receipt of Salaries and Wages under £300 per annum, £110; and

£27,000 for Secretary for Public Works—Public Works and Services—Maintenance, viz.,—Dredge Service, £10,000; Public Buildings, £10,000; Dock Establishment, £2,000; Equipment, Travelling, Transfer, Removal, and other Allowances and Pay for Temporary Service, £5,000.

£312,500 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in anticipation of Loan Votes; being £175,000 for Railways and Tramways—Railways, viz.,—Rolling Stock to meet additional traffic requirements, including the Equipment of New Lines, £75,000; Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes, £25,000; Towards Construction of the Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways, £75,000; and

£137,500 for Secretary for Public Works, viz.,—Railways—North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton), £60,000; Cowra to Canowindra, £12,000; Cooma to Bombala (towards), £15,000; Moree to Mungindi (towards), £5,000. Tramways—Tramways generally, £45,000. Water Supplies—Compensation Weirs—Nepean River, £500.

and £24,500 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes for the following Services, viz. :—

£4,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, viz.,—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes.

£5,500 for Secretary for Public Works, viz. :—Sewerage—Government Institutions, £500; Grant under section 5 of Public Works Fund Act to Shires and Municipalities, £5,000; and

£15,000 for Public Instruction—Public Instruction—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, and Sites, Equipment, Renewals, and Improvement of Schools and Residences and Material.

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1910–11, the sum of £1,101,930 be granted, viz., £1,077,430 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and £24,500 out of the Public Works Fund.

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

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AND PUBLIC WORKS FUND BILL** :—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. McGowen, 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. McGowen then presented a Bill, intituled, "*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. McGowen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. McGowen, 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. McGowen, passed.

Mr. McGowen 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, 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, 29th November, 1910.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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11. PAPERS:—Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Talmoi Bore Water Trust, Tuppal Creek Water Trust, Dolgelly Bore Water Trust, Tulloona Bore Water Trust, Bomuckledi Bore Water Trust, and Tycannah Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. Harold P. Mulligan as Survey Draftsman, Department of Public Works.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Southern and Western Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply Works for Wollongong.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply for the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Mudgee to Dunedoo, *via* Canadian Lead, Railway.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply for Thirroul, Coledale, Clifton, and Scarborough.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for an Electric Power Station at Inverell.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Distributing Works in connection with 3B Bore.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway from Maitland to South Grafton.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Drainage Works on the North Shore of Port Jackson.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Mudgee to Dunedoo Railway (Part 2).
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Wagonga River Improvements.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Turncock's Residence at Kurri Kurri.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply for Cowra.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Yowie Bore.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Bunaloo Well Public Watering Place.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Tunda Bore.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Narromine to Peak Hill Railway.
- (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Sutherland to Cronulla Tramway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1910.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received a number of complaints about the way strangers invaded the precincts of the House; he had done his best to remedy the evil; he had caused notices calling attention to the Standing Orders to be placed in conspicuous places so that every Honorable Member might know the rules, and he now asked them to assist the Messengers by observing those rules. He had received a further complaint that strangers had even penetrated to the rooms set apart for the comfort and convenience of Members, and he appealed to Honorable Members to adhere strictly to the Standing Orders, and assist the Staff in carrying them out.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public Servants' Retiring Allowances :—Mr. Briner asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that representations have been made during the past year to the late Government, or to the present Government, urging that some monetary allowance should be paid to officers who may be entitled to extended leave when they retire from the Service?
 - (2.) Has any proposal been considered for a monetary allowance payable to the widow and family of a public officer who may have been entitled to extended leave at the time of his death?
 - (3.) Has any decision been arrived at in these matters, and, if not, will the Government give the questions due consideration?

Mr. Holman answered,—The late Government decided, as announced in the House on 19th July last, that where an officer had acquired a right to extended leave in respect of long service, and died before entering on it or, having entered upon it, died before its termination, his representatives should be paid the money value of the leave not taken. It was also decided that such determination was to be applicable to those cases in which the death has occurred, or occurs, subsequently to 31st May last—independently of whether deceased had applied for his extended leave or not—but would not have reference to any leave but “extended” leave in respect of service of fifteen years or more.

- (2.) United Dental Hospital :—Dr. Arthur asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the United Dental Hospital performs a most necessary and valuable work among the poorer classes of the community, and does much towards the prevention of disease, thus lessening the expenditure on the general hospitals?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that by legislative enactment no charges can be made to patients at this Hospital?
 - (3.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of increasing largely the Government subsidy to the United Dental Hospital, so that it may be able to extend its operations?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

(1 and 2.) The representations are correct.

(3.) The matter will have consideration. The Government is paying £6,714 on account of the erection of the Hospital after giving the site.

- (3.) Minimum Wage of Public Servants :—Mr. McCourt asked the Premier,—Is it the intention of the Government to make the minimum salary of all employees in the Civil Service of the State £110 per annum, as has been done by the Commonwealth Government?

Mr. McGowen answered,—This matter is receiving consideration.

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(4.) Prosecutions for Breaches of Electoral Act, Orange and Parkes :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many prosecutions were instituted at Orange and Parkes against persons on charges of breaches of the Electoral Act, in the matter of witnessing, &c., applications for enrolment—giving names of defendants, and amounts of fines imposed?

(2.) In how many cases, and to what extent, have remissions of such fines been made, and what are the names of the persons to whom such remissions have been made?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) This information will take some little time to obtain. I will lay it upon the Table in the form of a return.

(2.) None. I may add that, as far as we are aware in the Department, if any applications for remissions have been made, they have not yet reached the Department.

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

(1.) Will he make representations to the Chief Commissioner for Railways and his Colleagues in *re* the desirability of extending the tourist area from Bathurst to Orange, so that Sydney folk may enjoy facilities in the matter of visiting the West?

(2.) Will he also suggest to the Commissioners the desirability of running periodical cheap excursion trains to Orange from Bourke and Western branch lines during the summer months, and thus enable residents of the hot climate districts to enjoy the cool climate of the town named?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—The Chief Commissioner considers that the existing facilities in regard to excursion trains generally are liberal. Four series of special cheap excursion trains are run annually, enabling persons in the interior to travel to Sydney, or intermediate stations, and similar consideration is extended to those desiring to travel in the opposite direction. The Western Line is treated the same as other divisions.

(6.) Shortage of Miners at Broken Hill :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the shortage of miners at Broken Hill, several of the mines are at a practical standstill; and that at present over 500 men are required to bring the working mines up to an average complement?

(2.) If so, will he make inquiry as to whether there are any unemployed miners in other parts of the State, with the object of securing them employment on the Broken Hill fields?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am not aware of any mine at Broken Hill being at a standstill for want of labour, and Mr. Schey has informed my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, that the books of the Labour Bureau do not contain the names of any unemployed miners.

(7.) Applications under Closer Settlement Promotion Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many applications have been lodged with the Lands Department under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910?

(2.) Will he give particulars of such applications, area involved, number of intending settlers in each case, and districts in which land is situate?

(3.) How many of these applications have been finally dealt with, and in what way?

(4.) Has he refused in any case to sanction the acquisition of land by intending settlers, under this Act, on the ground that such settlers were "not possessed of sufficient capital to enable them to make their venture a success"?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Nine.

(2.) I will presently lay the information in the form of a return upon the Table of this House.

(3.) Two; one has been approved and the other refused.

(4.) Yes, in one case.

(8.) Arrears of Income-tax :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) What arrears of income-tax are due to 30th June, 1910, giving the amounts respectively due at the end of each financial year since the inception of the tax, and the aggregate amount due in 1910?

(2.) Is it a fact that in a great many cases no payment whatever has been made by persons charged with the tax, and in such cases do the Commissioners intend to proceed for the recovery of amounts due?

(3.) What is the largest aggregate amount due in such case of any one defaulter?

(4.) How many Members of the present and past Parliaments have neglected to pay any tax on their incomes from the date of inception of such tax?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

(1.) 1896 tax, £2,065 2s. 10d.; 1897 tax, £2,073 2s. 4d.; 1898 tax, £2,075 5s. 2d.; 1899 tax, £2,380 10s. 8d.; 1900 tax, £2,408 12s. 10d.; 1901 tax, £2,467 13s. 2d.; 1902 tax, £2,425 4s. 2d.; 1903 tax, £2,503 6s. 6d.; 1904 tax, £2,556 5s. 10d.; 1905 tax, £2,509 6s. 11d.; 1906 tax, £2,638 8s. 4d.; 1907 tax, £6,956 18s. 10d.; 1908 tax, £7,962 2s.; 1909 tax, £2,395 4s. 8d.; 1910 tax, £28,745 15s. 6d.; total, £72,212 19s. 9d. Amount received since 1st July, 1910, £31,215 1s. 3d.

(2.) For 1908 and 1909 assessments, it is a fact that, in a great many cases, no payment whatever has been made by persons charged with the tax. This is attributable to assessments made against coal mines due to the passing of the Taxation Amending Act of 1905, No. 31, the income from which had not previously been taxable. These assessments have been the subject of appeal and

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and subsequent litigation. The appeals are now before the Privy Council, and a decision is shortly expected. The tax owing by the coal companies comprises much the greater portion of the arrears. In every case of non-payment of tax by due date, the matter is immediately placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor for recovery.

(3.) £14,569 15s. 6d. on a default assessment made against a coal company.

(4.) There are no Members of the present or past Parliaments who have neglected to pay any tax on their incomes from the date of the inception of such tax.

(9.) Police Quarters and Lock-up, West Tamworth :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for police quarters and lock-up at West Tamworth ?

(2.) What is the reason of delay ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The plans and specifications are now in hand. The date of calling of tenders must depend on the state of the finances.

(10.) Commutation of Death Sentence on Prisoner Phillips :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Minute placed on record in connection with the recent reprieve of Phillips ?

Mr. Holman answered,—Yes. I will presently do this.

(11.) Financial Relations of Commonwealth and State :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the New South Wales State Government concerning the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the State, since the accession to office of the present State Government ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The Honorable Member should move, in the usual way, for any correspondence which he desires to be tabled.

(12.) Sunday-trading Prosecutions :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the following statement made by him during the debate on the Address in Reply, viz.,—"We had this spectacle during the last Elections, that one or two men in George-street who criticised the late Government were summoned and fined for Sunday-trading on more than one occasion, whilst other men who did not criticise the Government were not proceeded against";—

(a) What are the names of the men who were proceeded against in this manner; (b) What are the names of the other men who were not so proceeded against ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The production of a return containing the information desired by the Honorable Member should be moved for in the ordinary way.

(13.) Disturbance at Political Meetings :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in connection with proposed legislation to amend the Electoral law, consider the advisableness of making it an offence to create disturbance or disorder at a political meeting, on lines similar to those contained in the Commonwealth Electoral Act ?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—The matter will have consideration.

(14.) Wages of Surveyors' Labourers :—*Mr. G. A. Jones* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was any promise made to increase the wages of surveyors' labourers from 1st July, 1910 ?

(2.) If so, to what extent has that promise been kept ?

(3.) Is it a fact that surveyors' labourers in the Lands Department are to be granted an increase of wages from 1st January next; if so, will he see that workers in similar capacities in his Department on railway surveys in the country districts are given similar increases in their rates of pay ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1.) My predecessor approved that that portion of the Award of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage General Workers' Board which affected chainmen was to be observed with regard to chainmen employed under the Works Department in the area covered by the Award, i.e., the whole of the area under the control or jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

(2.) I will ascertain definitely what has been done, and inform the Honorable Member.

(3.) Yes. I have given instructions for surveyors' labourers to receive 7s. per day from 1st January, 1911.

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

(1.) Will he state his intentions in reference to the calling for tenders for the fourth section of the North Coast Railway between Taree and Port Macquarie ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the ex-Minister for Public Works intimated his intention of calling for tenders for this section during the months of October or November ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—I cannot make any definite announcement on this matter till the whole subject of railway construction has received the consideration of the Cabinet.

(16.) Southern Training-wall, Manning River :—*Mr. Price* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to submit the question of the construction of the Southern Training-wall for the Manning River, and restore it to the Business Paper at the stage at which it was interrupted at the last Session ?

(2.) Will he have the work started at an early date after such submission ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Nothing can be done in this matter during the present Session.

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- (17.) Dredging Northern Rivers :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to make provision for the construction of extra dredges on the Northern Rivers to deal with bar harbours, and also the improvement of the navigation of the Manning River?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Three bar dredges are now constantly at work at the various river entrances. The question of further additions to the dredging plant is under consideration. The dredge "Dorus," now undergoing repairs, will probably return to the Manning River about the first week in January.

- (18.) North Coast Railway :—Mr. Price asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the plate-laying is nearing completion in the vicinity of Koraac Flat on the North Coast Railway, near Wingham?
- (2.) Will he take steps to fix a site for the platform at Koraac Flat?
- (3.) When will this matter be finally determined as to site, and will he be good enough to expedite same?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) The position of Koraac Flat is not known, in the Head Office of the Department of Public Works, but the plate-laying has been completed from Taree to seven miles beyond Wingham in the direction of Gloucester.
- (2 and 3.) The sites for the platforms on the North Coast Railway are at present under investigation.

- (19.) Interest due on Value of State Properties transferred to the Commonwealth :—Mr. Price asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What is the total value of the properties taken over by the Commonwealth from the State of New South Wales?
- (2.) What amount of interest is due and accruing from the date of taking over such properties to date?
- (3.) What steps have been taken *re* the settlement of the claims of the State of New South Wales?
- (4.) Will he expedite a satisfactory settlement with the Federal authorities?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The annual interest at 3½ per cent. per annum on £3,787,648, value of properties transferred from New South Wales to the Commonwealth (which includes Quarantine Services, estimated at £113,000, recently handed over), would be £132,567, and the accrued and accruing interest for ten years to 31st December next is, approximately, £1,288,097.
- (3 and 4.) The necessary steps are being taken.

- (20.) Protection of State Rights :—Mr. Price asked the Premier,—In view of the proposals of the Federal Government in connection with the proposed alteration of the Federal Constitution, will he state,—

- (1.) If it is the intention of the Government to take steps to prevent the interests of New South Wales being sacrificed?
- (2.) If so, what course does the present Government intend to adopt?
- (3.) Will he take Parliament into his confidence before the close of this Session as to the course he intends to adopt in order to protect the interests of this State?

Mr. McGowen answered,—As stated in my reply to a Question asked yesterday by the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, this Government will be prepared to take such action as may be necessary to conserve the interests of New South Wales if, and when, the necessity arises.

- (21.) Interest due on Value of State Properties transferred to the Commonwealth :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is the Commonwealth expected to pay interest to this State upon the aggregate value of transferred properties previously belonging to New South Wales; if not, why not?
- (2.) Is this State paying interest upon the total amount so involved?
- (3.) If such interest is not being paid, will he make representations to the Commonwealth Government with the object of coming to some arrangement on this question?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to my reply to a similar Question asked by him yesterday.

- (22.) Amendment of Industrial Disputes Act :—Mr. Wade asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Does he intend to amend the Industrial Disputes Act during the present Session?
- (2.) If so, will he make provision for enabling the Courts of this State to make a Common Rule of any Award of the Federal Arbitration Court?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) A Bill repealing the Industrial Disputes Act of 1908, the Industrial Disputes Amending Acts of 1908, 1909, and 1910, and the Clerical Workers' Minimum Wage Act, and providing for legislation on matters dealt with by these measures, is now in course of preparation. If possible, this measure will be introduced this Session.

(2.) Under the present Industrial Disputes Act, Industrial Boards can make the provisions of any Award under the Federal Arbitration Act applicable to the portion of the industry carried on in this State. Under the proposed new legislation, industrial tribunals appointed will have the same powers.

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3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Applications for Land under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910.
 - (2.) Amended Regulation No. 335, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Gilgooma Bore.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for South Coast Villages Water Supply.
 - (3.) Report of the Director of Labour, State Labour Bureau, for the year ended 30th June, 1910; together with Appendices.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) New Regulation No. 94, under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.
 - (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 20, 21, 24, 25, 30, and 31, under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Attorney-General in connection with the Reprieve of prisoner William John Phillips.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—The Order of the Day having been read, and the Division Bells having been rung,—Mr. Speaker read to the House a portion of section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, and explained the procedure which would be adopted in the election and appointment of the Members of the Public Accounts Committee in accordance with the provisions of that Act—and stated that by precedents already established the Questions would be decided without debate.

- (1.) Question,—That Mr. George Black be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Treflé,	The Rev. Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Meehan,	Tellers,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Mercer,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. James,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Arthur.
Tellers,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. John Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Question,—That Mr. John Rowland Dacey be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

- (3.) Question,—That Mr. David Fell be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

- (4.) Question,—That Mr. Mark Fairles Morton be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

- (5.) Question,—That Mr. David Storey be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "Two" and inserting the word "Four"—instead thereof.

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Treffé,	Mr. Grahamc,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. David Storey.
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Harry Morton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Cochran,	
The Rev. Mr. Crawford,	
Mr. Mercer,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. James,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. John Miller,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Nobbs,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fell,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Taylor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Original Question put and passed.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund 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.

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President.

(2.) Bishop Tyrrell Trust Bill:—

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.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

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

7. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman, on behalf of Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the present Session unless otherwise ordered, Government Business "only shall be taken."

Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "only shall be taken." and inserting the words "shall take precedence of General Business."—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. G. A. Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
The Rev. Mr. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Burgess,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Wood,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Donaldson.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Nielsen,	The Rev. Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Morrish,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Wood,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Levy,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brinsley Hall.

Tellers,

Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Hindmarsh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thrower moved, That the Honorable Member for Waverley, Colonel Onslow, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Macdonell,	The Rev. Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Page.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Thrower,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levy,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dooley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Page.
Mr. Morrish,	<i>Tellers,</i>
The Rev. Mr. Crawford,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. McDonald,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levy,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hindmarsh.

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

Original Question put,—That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business only shall be taken.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 13.
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Macdonell,	The Rev. Mr. Crawford,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Horne,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Peters,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Mercer,	Tellers,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Page.	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Minahan,	Tellers,	
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Dooley.	
Mr. Gardiner,		
Mr. Thrower,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Briner, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Wade, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Holman, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. McGowen, 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. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Horne, Mr. Downes, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Harry Morton, and Mr. McGowen, 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. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Levien, Mr. Lynch, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Hindmarsh, and Mr. McGowen, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
11. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. McGowen, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Robson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Estell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Grahame, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. McGowen, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders, or the House, direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means), which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers or abstracts thereof to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed unless the House otherwise order.
 - (2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
 - (3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
- Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
12. **MURRUMBIDGEE CANALS IRRIGATION BILL**:—Mr. Arthur Griffith 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, in respect of works under the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition and disposal of land, and the construction and use of railways and tramways and works for the transmission of water or power, and for drainage; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water and drainage; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, the Public Works Act, 1900, the Public Roads Act, 1902, the Water Rights Act, 1902, the Mining Act, 1906, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

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13. EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. Beeby, 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 Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910 ; and for purposes consequent thereon.
Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bruntnell, The Reverend Mr. Crawford, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Hindmarsh, Mr. Holman, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Levy, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Nicholson, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Perry, Mr. Peters, Mr. Thrower, and Mr. Wood,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at thirty-five minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m., This day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Appointment of Extra Hand, Ulmarra-Southgate Punt :—*Mr. Harry Morton*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When is it intended to appoint a third hand on the Ulmarra-Southgate punt?
- (2.) How long has the matter been under consideration?
- (3.) How many applicants were available for the position of extra hand?
- (4.) How many were selected by the Examining Committee?
- (5.) Who were the Examining Committee?
- (6.) Are the selected applicants already employed in the Service, or have they been employed in the Service?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Such a proposal has not been previously considered.
- (3.) 109.
- (4.) Sixteen.
- (5.) Messrs. R. F. Irvine, G. Downey, and P. G. Brunton.
- (6.) No, some have been employed previously.

(2.) Raleigh District Hospital, Bellingen :—*Mr. Harry Morton*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have plans been approved by the Board of Health for additions to the Raleigh District Hospital at Bellingen; and, if so, what was the date of approval?
- (2.) Was it suggested that specifications should be prepared by the Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department, and that the work should be carried out under official supervision; if so, when was this suggestion approved?
- (3.) When will it be possible to invite tenders for the work?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the present hospital buildings are quite unsuited for the purpose, and that the additions sanctioned many months ago are very necessary?

Mr. Macdonell answered—

- (1, 2, and 3.) The matter is awaiting a guarantee from the hospital authorities of the cost over and above £600, the amount of the Government grant. When a suitable guarantee is accepted action can be taken as to tenders.
- (4.) I understand so.

(3.) State Quartz-crushing Battery, Turon :—*Mr. John Miller* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he erect a State quartz-crushing battery on the Turon Goldfields, near Bathurst?

Mr. Edden answered,—The whole question of the erection of State batteries is now under consideration. A sum of money has been placed on the Estimates, and reports are being obtained in connection with all applications.

(4.) Night Allowances for Travelling Railway Employees :—*Mr. John Miller* asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that certain single men in the Railway Service receive sixpence per night, and certain married men receive one shilling per night extra when they are away from their homes?
- (2.) If so, will he grant the same privilege to the single men?

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Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) These expenses are paid in accordance with the Award of the Government Railways and Tramways (Permanent Way) Board.

(5.) Bathurst Sewerage :—Mr. John Miller asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he bring in a Bill this Session to authorise the construction of a sewerage scheme for the town of Bathurst?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The Honorable Member must await the announcement of the general works policy of the Government.

(6.) Establishment of Schools of Mines :—Mr. John Miller asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish Schools of Mines in different main mining centres?

(2.) If so, will he consider the claims of Bathurst for one of these schools?

Mr. Edden answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

(7.) Bellinger River Bar :—Mr. Harry Morton, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that vessels have of late been frequently bar-bound on the Bellinger River?

(2.) Is it a fact that the entrance is in such a condition that the shipping trade of the river is seriously inconvenienced?

(3.) Will he send a bar dredge to improve the entrance, and also the inner channel?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1.) The Pilot has reported eleven vessels bar-bound during the past four months.

(2.) The depth on the crossing is at present above the average, but the bar is somewhat less, and doubtless causes some inconvenience.

(3.) A bar dredge will be sent to the Bellinger when available, should her services then be required.

(8.) Glenreagh to Dorrigo Railway :—Mr. Harry Morton, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Public Works Committee unanimously recommend the construction of a line of railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo?

(2.) Were plans prepared and a proposal ready for submission to Parliament last Session?

(3.) Will he submit the proposal for the construction of the line to Parliament during the present Session?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Notice of Motion, to affirm the expediency of carrying out the work, was given last Session, but was not dealt with.

(3.) I am unable to reply to this Question till the Cabinet has dealt with the subject of railway extension work generally.

(9.) Deductions from Police Pensions :—Mr. Keegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that 3 per cent. is deducted from all police pensioners who went out under Mr. Carruthers' Superannuation Act, and that those who went out prior to the Act are subject to no reduction; if so, what is the cause of the difference?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—Yes; 3 per cent. is deducted from all pensioners who have retired from the Service since the passing of the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906. Pensioners who retired prior to the passing of this Act are not subject to any deduction, as such is not provided for by law.

(10.) Police in Metropolitan District :—Mr. Keegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many officers of police are there in the Metropolitan District?

(2.) How many are Australian natives?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to inquire into the working of the Police Force before appointing another Inspector-General?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

(1.) 1,021 of all ranks.

(2.) 673 are natives of the Australian States and New Zealand.

(3.) No.

(11.) Payment of Police Pensioners :—Mr. Keegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that police pensioners are paid monthly instead of fortnightly as other public servants are paid?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to bring them in line with others receiving pay from the Treasury by paying them fortnightly instead of monthly?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

(1.) Yes; Police pensioners are paid monthly. Formerly they were paid quarterly, but requested that they should be paid monthly, which was approved.

(2.) Enquiries will be made as to fortnightly payments, as this is a matter for the Treasury.

(12.) Opening of Shops on Christmas and New Year's Eve :—Mr. Mark F. Morton, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will storekeepers in centres which have adopted the Saturday Half-holiday be entitled to keep their establishments open until 10 o'clock on Christmas and New Year's Eve?

(2.) Has any official intimation been made to the effect that they cannot pursue such course; and, if so, upon what grounds has such instruction been based?

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Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) Shops which usually close at 1 o'clock on Saturday must close at that hour on Saturday, the 24th December (Christmas Eve), but may remain open till 6 o'clock on Saturday, the 31st December (New Year's Eve).

(2.) A time-table of the closing hours to be observed during the Christmas and New Year periods has been published in the daily papers, and a communication has been forwarded to the Early Closing Inspectors in the country shopping districts where Saturday is the 1 o'clock closing day. The decision in regard to closing at 1 o'clock on Christmas Eve is based on the opinion of the Crown Solicitor.

(13.) Comptroller-General of Prisons:—*Mr. Mark F. Morton*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that it is intended to transfer *Mr. Macfarlane*, Comptroller-General of Prisons, to some other position, and to appoint *Mr. S. W. McCauley* to fill the vacancy thus created?

Mr. Holman answered,—No such arrangement has been considered.

(14.) Mining Royalty Charges:—*Mr. Cohen*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—(1.) Is it a fact that those engaged in mining are compelled to pay heavy royalty charges and license fees?

(2.) Will he, in order to assist the mining industry, reduce the fees and royalties to nominal charges?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

(1.) By virtue of a miner's right the *bond fide* miner is, within the provisions of the Mining Act, allowed to obtain timber for personal use without payment of royalty or license fee. Companies or corporations are required to comply with the provisions of the Forestry Act.

(2.) I am at the present time considering the rates of royalty charged to companies for mining timber.

(15.) Cost of Land for New Roads and Streets:—*Mr. Cohen*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when any new roads or streets are required within Municipal or Shire boundaries, the cost of the land has to be defrayed by the Municipalities or Shires interested?

(2.) Will he, in view of this fact, grant to each Municipality or Shire the proceeds of the sale of unnecessary roads and streets in such Municipality or Shire?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Yes, but the Local Government Act, as amended by Act 28 of 1908, permits of unnecessary roads being granted by way of compensation, or part compensation, for new roads opened at the request of Shire or Municipal Councils.

(2.) The law will not permit of such a course being taken.

(16.) Reduction of Railway Fares to Deputations:—*Mr. Black* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that cricketers and footballers travel double journeys for single fares on the railways?

(2.) If so, will he place deputations coming to Sydney on public business on a similar footing?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed:—

(1.) Yes, when travelling in teams at times other than during Christmas and Easter holidays.

(2.) It is not considered desirable to extend the concession to deputations visiting Sydney.

(17.) Protection of State Rights:—*Mr. John Miller*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Premier,—

(1.) In view of the proposed alteration of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, will he be good enough to intimate what course the Government intend to adopt in connection with such proposed alteration of the Constitution?

(2.) Will he be good enough to intimate the date (approximately) upon which he will take Parliament into his confidence as to the course which the Government intend to adopt in connection with such proposed alteration of the Commonwealth Constitution?

Mr. McGowen answered,—This Government is fully alive to its responsibilities in this important matter, and, as stated by me in the House yesterday, a pronouncement of our attitude will be made when such a course is deemed necessary.

(18.) Wharf at Bennelong Point:—*Dr. Arthur* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Will the Government put a stop to the proposal of the Harbour Trust Commissioners to construct a wharf at Bennelong Point?

(2.) Will the Government provide further wharfage accommodation at Woolloomooloo Bay, and transfer the P. and O. Company there?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

(1.) This matter is now under consideration.

(2.) Further wharfage accommodation is being provided at Woolloomooloo Bay, but it is not proposed to transfer the P. and O. Company there.

(19.) Railway Superannuation Board:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is a deadlock now in existence in connection with the Railway Superannuation Board, and what steps does he propose to take with the object of obviating the trouble?

(2.) Is it a fact that the business of the Board has now been paralysed for some weeks because of this deadlock?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

(1.) I am informed that there is a division of opinion amongst the members of the Board in regard to the publication of its proceedings, and the question as to what steps should be taken is under consideration.

(2.) No.

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(20.) Cudgen Swamp Lands :—*Mr. Mark F. Morton*, for *Mr. Hindmarsh*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many blocks of land have been designed for survey in the Cudgen Swamps, parish of Cudgen?

(2.) When will these lands be available for settlement, and under what tenure?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Disposal was proposed of about 4,357½ acres in thirteen blocks for original settlement and 1,093½ acres for additionals in twelve blocks.

(2.) In consequence of a drainage proposal by the Works Department, disposal of these lands awaits amendment of design, for which purpose the case is now with the field officer, who has been asked to expedite action, and, until his report is received, mode and date of disposal cannot be stated.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Chairmen of Wages Boards, appointed under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908.

(2.) Papers respecting the case of prisoner Ben Habdah.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Report of the Superintendent of the Brush Farm for Boys for 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. 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. McGowen,—

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

CHELMSFORD,

Governor.

Message No. 15.

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.

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By Mr. Arthur Griffith,—

(2.) Murrumbidgee Canals Irrigation 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 provide, in respect of works under the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition and disposal of land, and the construction and use of railways and tramways and works for the transmission of water or power, and for drainage; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water and drainage; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, the Public Works Act, 1900, the Public Roads Act, 1902, the Water Rights Act, 1902, the Mining Act, 1906, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

4. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—SUPPLY [TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES] :—

Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of *Mr. Speaker* given on the 29th November, wherein he ruled, in effect, that a Temporary Chairman of Committees could be called upon to act in the first Session of a new Parliament, notwithstanding that the Chairman of Committees had not been appointed.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—

(1.) *Mr. McGowen* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the House do forthwith proceed to consider Notice of Motion No. 2, of General Business, respecting the appointment of Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

(2.) (1.) *Mr. Levien* moved, pursuant to Notice, That *Richard Denis Meagher*, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House for the present Session.

(2.) *Mr. Thomas* moved, That *John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick*, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Question

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Question put,—That Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Nielson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Page,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Hollis,	
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. McDonald,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. James,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McFarlane,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fell,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,
Mr. Ball.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Meagher made his acknowledgments to the House.

6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—CROWTHER ESTATE, NEAR YOUNG:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor agreeing with the owner of the land situate near Young, having an area of 10,520 acres 3 roods 25 perches, more or less, being the Crowther Estate, that the price to be paid for the said land, which was resumed by notification in the *Government Gazette* of 6th October, 1909, shall be the sum of £4 19s. per acre, on a freehold basis, which sum shall include the said land and all the improvements thereon.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. John Miller,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Page,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Henley.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Price.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, 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 Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon.

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 Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon.

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

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(2.)

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(2.) Mr. Beeby then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 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 Thursday, 24th November, 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 Rowland Dacey, Esquire, and Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) *Minimum Wage of Labourers on Railways* :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the minimum wage, as fixed by the Industrial Court, for labourers (general) 7s. 6d. ?

(2.) Is it a fact that many labourers in the general service of the Railway Commissioners receive but 7s. a day ?

(3.) If so, will he, as Minister for Railways, instruct that all labourers in that service receive 7s. 6d. a day ?

(4.) Is it a fact that many men working on the railways and tramways are constantly, or for long periods, employed on night work ?

(5.) Will he, as far as possibly can be done, have this night work discontinued, or have the men so employed changed at brief intervals from night to day work ?

(6.) In cases where men are complaining of chest trouble from the night air, and have been long kept at this night work, will he have such men transferred to day work ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

(1.) No. Such a provision has, however, been made in certain Wages Board Awards.

(2.) Yes, but others receive higher pay ; it depends upon the class of work on which they are engaged.

(3.) This is one of the matters that will receive attention in the proposed amendment of the Industrial Disputes Act.

(4 and 5.) In certain sections of the service night work is unavoidable ; where practicable a change to day work is arranged. Night work is curtailed as much as possible.

(6.) Applications for transfer from night work are duly considered, and, on the certificate of the Railway Medical Officer that an employec is unfit for night work, arrangements are made as far as possible to employ him on day work.

(2.) *Mr. D. Campbell's Conditional Purchase, Grafton* :—Mr. David Storey, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. D. Campbell, the holder of Conditional Purchase 05-30, Grafton, became entitled to his certificate of conformity at any time after the 26th of May last ?

(2.) Has Mr. Campbell ever applied for such certificate ?

(3.) Will he see that the necessary certificate is issued promptly, provided that Mr. Campbell is entitled to it ?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The certificate has been issued, and Mr. Campbell was informed on 28th November, 1910.

(3.)

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- (3.) Application for Land for Church, Central Bucca :—*Mr. David Storey*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is an application by the Reverend P. A. Westbrook being dealt with for land at Central Bucca for the purposes of a church site?
 - (2.) What are the particulars, and how does the matter stand?
 - (3.) Can it possibly be expedited so that the church authorities may obtain possession before the end of the current year?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The application is for auction sale, and is with the District Surveyor for survey.
 - (3.) No; but the matter will be expedited as much as possible.
- (4.) A. E. Capp's Application to close a Road, North Bellinghen :—*Mr. David Storey*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What has become of an application by A. E. Capp for the closing and purchase of an unnecessary road in the parish of North Bellinghen, county of Raleigh, described in papers "Ain. " 10-16, 129"?
 - (2.) Will he see the matter is expedited?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) The case is under reference to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report.
 - (2.) Yes.
- (5.) Gunningbland Estate :—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Was Gunningbland Estate offered to the Government prior to Mr. L. Purcell purchasing it?
 - (2.) If so, on what date and by whom, and was any price named?
 - (3.) Was the offer subsequently withdrawn; and, if so, on what date?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) On 15th January, 1910, by Mr. W. P. Beahan, Auctioneer, of Cowra, but no price was mentioned.
 - (3.) Yes, on 11th February, 1910.
- (6.) Seven Oaks School, Kempsey District :—*Mr. David Storey*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has the site of the new school at Seven Oaks, Kempsey District, yet been decided upon?
 - (2.) Has anything yet been done with regard to the erection of any other building; and, if so, what are the particulars?
- Mr. Beeby answered,—
- (1.) Yes; two acres of land have been purchased.
 - (2.) Tenders have been received in readiness to proceed with the work when the conveyance of the site to the Department has been completed.
- (7.) Sale of Liquor on Sunday by Musicians' Club :—*Mr. Wade* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has the Professional Musicians' Club been allowed to dispose of intoxicating liquor on Sunday?
 - (2.) If so, when was permission granted?
 - (3.) Is this club residential?
 - (4.) Has this privilege been extended to any other club of a like nature?
 - (5.) If so, what clubs?
 - (6.) Have not this club and all of a like nature been debarred from disposing of liquor on Sunday?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1.) Yes, between the hours of 2 and 11 p.m.
 - (2.) 3rd ultimo.
 - (3 and 4.) No.
 - (5.) See answer to (4).
 - (6.) There are now only two non-residential clubs (except purely athletic clubs) in addition to the Professional Musicians' Club. Both the Professional Musicians' Club and the Broken Hill Masonic Club were granted exemption on the condition that they should not sell liquor on Sundays. No such condition was imposed when the University and New South Wales Masonic Clubs were granted exemption, but their rules provided that the club premises should not be open on Sundays. The University Club has since become residential, and is permitted to sell liquor on Sundays.
- (8.) Minimum Wage of Railway Employees for Night Duty :—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that generally Wages Boards have given an increased rate of pay for night work?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners employ a large number of men, apart from the ordinary running staff, such as labourers, shunters, fuelmen, ash-pit men, &c.?
 - (3.) Will he so provide that in all such occupations when on night duty at least a minimum wage of 8s. per night shall be given?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—
- (1 and 2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The rates of pay, taking into consideration the conditions of employment, have been decided by Wages Boards under the Industrial Disputes Act

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(9.) Temporary Employees in the Railway and Tramway Service :—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are a large number of men in the Railway and Tramway Service permanently employed, but still classed as temporary hands?
- (2.) What is the total number of such temporary hands?
- (3.) How long has the senior of such temporary employees been in the Service?
- (4.) Is it a fact that these so-called temporary employees are debarred from participation in the Railway Superannuation Fund?
- (5.) Have the Courts decided in all cases where temporary service has obtained in the Civil Service that such service shall count as permanent?
- (6.) Will he give instructions that all temporary employees who have been more than six months in the Service shall be placed on the permanent staff, and that, in all cases where their service has been continuous, their appointments shall date back, and so enable these men to participate in the benefits of the Railway Superannuation Fund?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—

- (1 and 2.) There are 7,402 temporary employees. Of this number 2,239 are employed on duplications and deviations on contractors' conditions; 1,198 consist of casual hands, and are not permanently engaged; 2,096 consist of temporary men with under one year's service; 1,869 are men who have been employed on various casual works for longer than one year.
- (3.) Fourteen years. There are a few cases of men employed for longer than fourteen years, who have failed in eyesight, or medically, and were therefore unable to comply with the conditions governing the permanent staff.
- (4, 5, and 6.) Only those persons permanently employed are entitled to contribute to the Railway Service Superannuation Fund. The cases of temporary men are now being reviewed, with the object of deciding what number can be transferred to the permanent staff. Those who are transferred to the permanent staff will have their whole term of temporary service counted under the provisions of the Railway Service Superannuation Act, 1910.

(10.) Salaries and Fees of Survey Staff, Lands Department :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. John Miller, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the salaries and fees paid to the members of the Survey Staff in his Department are lower than the salaries and fees paid to the same class of professional men outside the Service?
- (2.) If so, will he have the said salaries and fees raised?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—I am informed that the average salaries and fees paid to the members of the Survey Staff of the Lands Department compare favourably with the average salaries and fees paid to the same class of professional men outside the Service.

(11.) Salaries and Fees of Survey and Engineering Staffs, Public Works Department :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. John Miller, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the salaries and fees paid to the members of the Engineering and Survey Staff in his Department are lower than the salaries and fees paid to the same class of professional men outside the Service?
- (2.) If so, will he have the said salaries and fees raised?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—It is considered that the salaries, fees, and allowances paid to the Engineering and Survey Staff will compare favourably with the rates paid to the same class of professional men outside the Service. It has to be borne in mind in making a comparison that, subject to good conduct, the officers have permanency of tenure, substantial leave privileges in the shape of annual and sick leave with pay, and extended or long service leave with pay after serving a term of years. They also have reasonable prospects of promotion. During the past few years many increases have been granted to officers of this class.

(12.) Carriers' License Fees :—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Shire Councils are imposing a license fee on all carriers?
- (2.) If so, will he consider the advisability of amending the law to prevent this imposition?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) Shire Councils may acquire power under the Local Government Act to regulate and license "public vehicles," that is, vehicles which ply for hire. I am not aware that any Court has yet held that the ordinary "carrier's" or "teamster's" waggon is a "public vehicle," and, until there is such a decision, it would not appear to be necessary that the question of amending the law should be considered.

3. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE :—Mr. McGowen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Refreshment Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House for the remainder of the present Session.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Nielsen 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 Acts of 1884 and 1889.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1906.
- (2.) Regulation under the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909.
- (3.) Synopsis of Voting at the General Election, 14th October, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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5. **MURRUMBIDGE CANALS IRRIGATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide, in respect of works under the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition and disposal of land, and the construction and use of railways and tramways and works for the transmission of water or power, and for drainage; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water and drainage; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, the Public Works Act, 1900, the Public Roads Act, 1902, the Water Rights Act, 1902, the Mining Act, 1906, the Local Government Act, 1906, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,—was, on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, discharged.

6. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Macdonell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 17.

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, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 2nd December, 1910.

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

7. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT—MAHARATTA ESTATE, NEAR BOMBALA**:—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor agreeing with the owners of the land, situate near Bombala, having an area of 20,106 acres 2 roods 21 perches, more or less, being the Maharatta Estate, within the 15-mile limit of the approved line of railway from Cooma to Bombala, that the price to be paid for the said land, which was resumed by notification in the *Gazette* of the 17th August, 1910, shall be the sum of £3 12s. per acre on a freehold basis, which sum shall include the said land and all the improvements thereon.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. **MAINTENANCE ORDERS BILL**:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Prisons Act, 1899; and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until a later hour of the day.

9. **ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1910-1911**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McGowen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 18.

Governor.

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

(1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1910-1911.

(2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to "Treasurer," 1909-1910, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.

(3.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," to 30th June, 1910, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.

(4.) *Public Works Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1910-1911.

(5.) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1910-1911.

State Government House,

Sydney, 5th December, 1910.

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

10. **HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McGowen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 19.

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 that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 5th December, 1910.

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

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11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £285, for Executive Council, for the year 1910-11.
On motion of Mr. McGowen, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
13. MAINTENANCE ORDERS BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Holman; That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Prisons Act, 1899; and for other purposes (as recorded in Entry 8)—and the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Prisons Act, 1899; and for other purposes*,"—
which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
14. PAPERS:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1910-1911.
(2.) Statements in connection with the Financial Speech, 6th December, 1910.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Two o'clock.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public Hall Site, Utungen :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
With reference to an application "Misc. 10/10,359," for a public hall site at Utungen, near Macksville, will he say how the matter stands, and if it can be expedited?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—The reservation was notified in the *Government Gazette* of the 26th October, 1910.

- (2.) Bulga Lands :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it his intention to alter the decision of the ex-Minister for Lands, the Honorable S. W. Moore, that the Bulga lands subdivision would be open for conditional purchase leases?
(2.) When will such lands be available for selection?
(3.) Will he expedite the matter?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—The papers in the case are with the District Surveyor; on their return I will consider the method of disposal. The matter is being expedited.

- (3.) Charitable and Benevolent Institutions :—*Mr. Wade* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many charitable or benevolent institutions are there in the State?
(2.) What are the names, and where are they situated?
(3.) What is the number of inmates in each institution?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—The following are the Government Charitable Institutions, and the present number of inmates in each :—Rookwood Asylum, 1,218; Liverpool Asylum, 602; Parramatta Asylum (Macquarie-street), 199; Parramatta Asylum (George-street), 195; Newington Asylum, 733; Waterfall Asylum, 256; Parramatta Cottage Homes for Aged Couples, 31. I shall presently lay upon the Table lists of other charitable or benevolent institutions in the State known to the Government. If the Honorable Member desires information further than what is on the lists, I shall endeavour to obtain it for him. There are, I understand, certain charitable or benevolent institutions which have not made returns to the Government.

- (4.) Registrations, Awards, &c., under Industrial Disputes Act :—*Mr. Wade* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
(1.) How many Unions are now registered under the Industrial Disputes Acts?
(2.) How many Awards have been made by Boards?
(3.) How many Boards have been appointed?
(4.) How many Boards are now sitting?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) 112.
(2.) Original Awards, 119. Awards varying Awards, 77. Awards re-enacting Awards of Court of Arbitration, 20.
(3.) 165.
(4.) Nine, so far as can be ascertained. "Sitting" is taken to mean where a Board has commenced its deliberations and has not delivered its Award.

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(5) Bridge at Nymboida, Grafton-Armidale Road:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision respecting several applications made for the construction of a bridge at Nymboida, on the Grafton-Armidale Road?

Mr. Edden answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. My Honorable Colleague hopes to be able to give the Honorable Member a reply next week.

(6.) Grafton District School:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state when tenders will be invited to carry out additions and improvements to the Grafton District School?

Mr. Edden answered,—Tenders will be invited at the earliest date that funds are available.

(7.) Dredging Clarence River at Susan Island:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that repeated applications have been made to have necessary dredging carried out at Susan Island, Clarence River?

(2.) Will he state when dredging work will be commenced?

Mr. Edden answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A report and survey are now being obtained, and a decision will be come to in a few days.

(8.) Appointment of a Public Trustee:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Does he intend, this Session, to pass a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Public Trustee?

Mr. Holman answered,—This matter cannot be dealt with during the present short Session.

(9.) Railway Appeal Board.—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the business of the Railway Appeal Board is still paralysed because of the refusal of one of its members, Mr. Catts, M.H.R., to give an undertaking not to publish a report of the proceedings in his paper, the *Co-operator*?

(2.) Is it a fact that this Board has been practically tied up, and that no business has been transacted in consequence for a period of at least a month?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the reply given to a somewhat similar Question asked by him on Thursday last. The matter is at present under reference to the Crown Law authorities.

(10.) Comptroller-General of Prisons:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the reply to Question 13, *Votes and Proceedings* of 1st December, to the effect that "no such arrangement has been considered" as that suggested, viz., the removal of Mr. Macfarlane from position of Comptroller-General of Prisons, and appointment of Mr. S. W. McCauley in his stead, will he state whether such change is contemplated, and is to be considered?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—A number of applications have been received for the position of Comptroller-General of Prisons. It is not usual to give the names of applicants. If, when the question engages attention, Mr. Macfarlane is a candidate, his claims, and those of all other applicants, will be duly considered. I have not, however, yet gone into the question of the appointment of an Inspector-General of Police.

(11.) Free Secondary Education:—Mr. Parkes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the question of free secondary education the first item of the printed Labour manifesto and platform, under the heading of "Education"?

(2.) If so, why does the Government exclude free secondary education from its proposed policy with regard to education?

(3.) Did Mr. Board, the Director of Education, in his report upon extended University education, deal with free secondary education as an important factor in preparatory work for the University?

(4.) Did the Liberal party also make free secondary education an important item of its platform?

(5.) If it is not the intention of the Government to establish free secondary education, will he state the full grounds upon which Ministers have come to such a decision?

Mr. Beeby answered,—The whole question of secondary education is being dealt with, and new regulations dealing with the matter will be shortly laid upon the Table.

(12.) Flemington to Belmore, and Wårdell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, before tenders are accepted, and the construction of the Flemington to Belmore, and Wårdell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways proceeds, submit to the various Municipal Councils through whose areas the line passes the proposals for dealing with the crossings, bridges, subways, widths, and gradients of roads, &c., where interference with existing streets and roads is contemplated?

Mr. Edden answered,—The Railway Commissioners are to carry out these lines. They inform my Honorable Colleague that plans have been prepared showing the proposals, and these are being submitted to the various Councils concerned.

(13.) Plain-clothes Constables at Grace Brothers:—Mr. Keegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the firm of Grace Brothers are supplied with the services of plain-clothes constables in their business establishment at the expense of the State?

(2.) Are those constables placed there for the purpose of relieving the firm of their responsibility in prosecutions, or do the constables take people in charge on their own responsibility?

(3.) If the replies to the two Questions above be in the affirmative, will the Government take into consideration the advisability of discontinuing the practice, and making business firms take the responsibility of conducting their own business?

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Mr. Macdonell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No; constables take persons in charge on their own responsibility when satisfied that an offence has been committed.
- (3.) See replies to (1) and (2).

(14.) Season Ticket Concessions to Railway Employees :—Mr. Bruntnell asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is the half-fare season ticket concession to railway employees, when travelling to and from duty, available between stations outside the Suburban area?
- (2.) Is such concession applicable to the members of the clerical staff?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed that season tickets at half rates are issued to employees generally within the Sydney and Newcastle Suburban areas only.

(15.) Exclusive Forestry Rights, Gloucester :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Have any applications been made for exclusive rights for forestry purposes within the county of Gloucester?
- (2.) Is it a fact that all of the timber lands within that county are accessible?
- (3.) In view of the large number of teamsters interested, and the number of mills situated in the county of Gloucester, will he cause a notice to be inserted in the local papers of any application for exclusive rights which may be submitted, in order that those locally interested may have an opportunity of objecting?
- (4.) Will he see that the fullest public inquiry is instituted in the event of any such applications being lodged?

Mr. Treflé answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) A large proportion of this country is accessible for timber working.
- (3.) I have already given directions for the advertising of such applications.
- (4.) Yes.

(16.) Agent-General's Office, London :—Mr. John Miller, for Colonel Onslow, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a statement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 3rd instant, wherein Messrs. H. A. Scholer and Andrew McKye are reported as having made grave allegations against the organisation and management of the Immigration Department of the Agent-General's Office in London?
- (2.) Will he inquire into the truth or otherwise of these allegations?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The allegations seem to me to be somewhat extravagant in their character, but the matter has been brought to the notice of the Agent-General.

(17.) Gloucester School Grounds :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. Price, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the urgent necessity for additional ground being purchased for the Gloucester School grounds?
- (2.) In view of the rapid development of Gloucester, the increase in population, and the possible increase in population which will take place upon the completion of the North Coast Railway, will he cause a special inquiry into the matter?

Mr. Beeby answered,—Inquiry has already been made into the matter. The present area of the school site is two and a half acres, which is more than the usual area obtainable for schools, and the need is therefore not a pressing one.

(18.) Orange Lock-up :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the lock-up and keeper's quarters at Orange are in an untenable and insanitary state, and that tenders have been called for additions and repairs?
- (2.) Is it a fact that several medical men have reported strongly against the occupation of the premises in their present condition?
- (3.) When will a tender for this work be accepted?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) The acceptance of a tender depends upon funds being available.

(19.) Referenda on Proposed Alteration of the Federal Constitution :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. Price, asked the Premier,—Referring to the question of the proposed referenda on the proposal to alter the Federal Constitution, will he be good enough to state if it is his intention to take Parliament into his confidence as to the course which the Government proposes to adopt in connection with this matter, and will he submit his statement before the close of the Session?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I can only repeat what I have already informed the Honorable Member, in reply to his Question without Notice yesterday, namely, that I am not at present prepared to make any pronouncement on the subject.

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(20.) Payment of Invalidity and Accident Pensions by Federal Government :—Mr. Waddell asked the Premier,—Has the Federal Government given him any official intimation as to when it will take over the payment of invalidity and accident pensions ; and, if so, at what date will the change take place ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—Yes. The Federal Government will take over payment of these pensions under the provisions of their Act, as from the 15th instant. There may be certain cases, however, in which pensions have been granted which are not covered by the Federal Act. This matter will be adjusted between the two Governments later.

(21.) Road-making in Inaccessible Districts :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the ex-Minister for Lands decided that in dealing with rough and inaccessible lands in the counties of Hawes, Durham, and Macquarie, provision should be made for opening up and making roads of access to such lands, under the closer settlement provisions of the Land Acts ?
(2.) If so, what action is being taken in those counties ?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Yes, where the cost of such roads can be added to the capital value of the lands.
(2.) Several requests have been considered, with a result that roads are being provided to open up lands on the Comboyne. The matter of finally determining whether roads shall be constructed to open up the lands in the vicinity of Ellenborough Falls is awaiting further report from the District Surveyor.

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

(1.) Is it his intention to expend the amount voted by the late Government for the improvement of the navigation of Cape Hawke ?
(2.) Does he intend to proceed with the construction of the Northern Breakwater at Cape Hawke ; if so, when ?

Mr. Edden answered,—To effect any material improvement to the entrance to Cape Hawke Harbour would involve such an expenditure that reference to the Public Works Committee would first be necessary. It is not proposed, therefore, to spend the small amount voted.

2. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. McGowen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to the Library Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. McGowen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Traffic on the Great Northern Railway between Duri and West Tamworth.

(2.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the improvement of the Station Yard at Rowena.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1910 ; together with Diagrams and Plans.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—Lists of Charitable and Benevolent Institutions in New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Macdonell 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, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910 ; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. MURRUMBIDGEE CANALS IRRIGATION BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Nielsen, *on behalf of* Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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, in respect of works under the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, and the construction and use of railways and tramways and works for the transmission of water or power, and for drainage ; for constituting and managing irrigation areas ; for the supply of water ; for levying rates and tolls ; for making charges for water and drainage ; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms ; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act ; and for such purposes to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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7. **EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Beeby 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. Beeby, 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 with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Beeby, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. **MAINTENANCE ORDERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Holman proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted that this Bill was out of order, not having been introduced in Committee of the Whole, nor preceded by a Message, inasmuch as if the Bill authorised the sale of prisoners' work in the open market it interfered with trade, and if the work had to be paid for from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Bill would require to be recommended by Message from the Crown.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Speaker said he would have to sustain the Point of Order; subclause (2) of clause 3 of the Bill provided that a valuation should be made of the work performed by any prisoner, and the amount of such valuation should be applied as the Comptroller-General should direct; from the Attorney-General's statement the value must eventually be paid from the Consolidated Revenue; for that reason he must sustain the Point of Order.
 On motion of Mr. Holman, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
9. **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS**:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day.
 Question put and passed.
10. **BISHOP TYRRELL TRUST BILL**:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Cohen, 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. Cohen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be now read a third time.
 (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, *passed*.
 Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*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.*"
 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 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,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment,
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1910.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Two o'clock.
- RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
- J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTERS' BAY PARKS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Nielsen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to remove the Trustees of certain recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1910.

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

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

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

Robert Thomas Donaldson, Esquire...	... Member for Wynyard.
Robert Scobie, Esquire .. .. .	... Member for The Murray.
George Arthur Burgess, Esquire .. .	... Member for Burrangong.
John Storey, Esquire .. . . .	... Member for Balmain.
John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire .. .	... Member for Orange.
George Thomas Hindmarsh, Esquire .. .	... Member for Rous.

(2.) *Ballot for the Election of Members of the Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 4th section of the Public Works Committee Election Act, 1901, Mr. Speaker appointed Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1910, at 7 o'clock p.m., as the date upon which a Ballot shall take place for the Election of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land for Settlement, County Fitzroy:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it intended to make available for settlement portions 132, 133, 188, 189, in the parish of Junee, county Fitzroy; and, if so, when?
- (2.) Were these lands covered by a classification reserve more than two years ago, and was it proposed to make them available in March of last year?
- (3.) What has been the cause of the delay in having the lands made available?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) The matter is receiving consideration. The parish is Moonee.
- (2.) Portion 132 was reserved for classification on 9th September, 1908, and the other portions were so reserved on the 24th March, 1909. It was not proposed to make the lands available in March of last year.
- (3.) The great diversity of opinion as to the value of the timber on these areas.

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- (2.) Land for Settlement, Murwillumbah District:—Mr. Hindmarsh asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many blocks of land in the Murwillumbah Land District are surveyed ready for settlement?
 - (2.) When will these lands be made available for settlement?
 - (3.) Under what tenure will they be available?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) Seventeen.
 - (2.) Thirteen blocks, parish of Terranora, will be made available shortly. Two blocks in the parish of Chillingham, and two blocks in the parish of Gooninbar are being dealt with.
 - (3.) The thirteen blocks referred to are to be made available for original homestead selection.
- (3.) Railway and Tramway Service Bonus Fund:—The Rev. T. S. Crawford asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) (a) Is there a bonus fund in existence in the Railway and Tramway Service; (b) if such a fund exists, what grade of employees participate in it; (c) what is the object of the fund; (d) upon what authority has it been created; (e) how long has the fund existed; (f) do tramway depot masters receive bonuses according to the economical working of their staffs?
 - (2.) To what purpose are moneys devoted that are received from the sale of property found on railways and tramways?
 - (3.) How is the surplus cash paid in by tramway conductors disposed of?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed:—
- (1.) (a) No; (b to e) answered by reply to (a); (f) no.
 - (2 and 3.) These moneys are paid into the Consolidated Revenue.
- (4.) Connection of New South Wales Railways with Proposed Transcontinental Railway:—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Before the Northern Territory is taken over by the Commonwealth, will he consult with the Federal Acting-Premier as to the necessity of giving New South Wales full power to construct a railway through South Australian territory and through the Northern Territory, in order to connect our railways with the Northern Territory Transcontinental Railway?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—This matter, the importance of which is recognised by the Government, will be kept in view, and any action considered necessary in the interests of the State will be taken.
- (5.) Temporary Employees in Railway and Tramway Services:—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is there any limit to the time in which an employee in the Railways or Tramways can be classed as a temporary hand; if so, under what authority?
 - (2.) What is the limit?
 - (3.) Is this limit adhered to in all instances?
 - (4.) If not, why not?
- Mr. McGowen answered—
- (1.) Yes, in the case of supernumeraries, except persons employed as day labourers; as provided in the Railways Act, section 74, clause 2.
 - (2.) Six months in the former; in the latter no limit is fixed.
 - (3 and 4.) It is not practicable to fix a limit in all cases as the traffic requirements fluctuate very much, but after a reasonable time, if the circumstances will permit, promotions are made to the permanent staff if all the conditions of the Railway Act can be complied with.
- (6.) Passes to Railway Employees:—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that until two years ago, and the advent of the present Chief Commissioner, railway and tramway employees attending as delegates to their union conferences, were always granted a pass over the railways to enable them to attend?
 - (2.) Will he see that this old privilege enjoyed by the staff is still conserved to them?
 - (3.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law officers whether the Railway Act provides that all existing privileges enjoyed by the staff at the time of the Act coming into force shall be conserved to them?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed that:—Railway and tramway employees generally are allowed one holiday and four privilege passes per annum. There are no restrictions in regard to the purpose for which they are to be used, and it would not be fair to the staff generally if extra privilege passes were granted to individuals.
- (7.) Colliery Employees Wages Board:—Mr. Gardiner asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is the Colliery Employees Wages Board, appointed subsequent to the late strike, still in existence?
 - (2.) How many days did the Board sit?
 - (3.) What was the total amount of remuneration received by—(a) Mr. Forsyth, and (b) Mr. Paterson?
- Mr. Holman answered,—
- (1.) Yes; it is known as the Newcastle Collieries (Newcastle and Maitland Miners) Board.
 - (2.) Sixty-seven.
 - (3.) (a) Fees, £120; (b) fees, £120; travelling allowances and fares, £30 17s.
- (8.) Allowances to Country Scholarship Holders attending Training College:—Mr. Dunn asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What annual allowance is now given to country "B" scholarships for the Training College?
 - (2.) If it is not as liberal as the allowance for "A" scholarships, will he amend the regulation in that respect, in the interests of country students?
- Mr.

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Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) By the new regulation which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 30th November, the annual allowance to holders of "B" scholarships, who are compelled to board away from home, has been increased to £25.

(2.) It is not proposed at present to further lessen the difference in money value of the two grades of scholarships, but I would point out that both are open for competition by country students, being dependent on the position attained at the entrance examination.

(9.) Railways, Kyogle—Acacia Creek, Casino—Tenterfield, Casino—Coraki:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to refer to the Public Works Committee the railways from Kyogle to Acacia Creek, from Casino to Tenterfield, and from Casino to Coraki?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—As soon as Cabinet has had an opportunity to complete its railway construction policy, I shall notify the Honorable Member as to the prospects of this proposal.

(10.) Application for Land by Mr. John O'Neill:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any decision been reached in reference to an application, dated 20th June, 1910, by Mr. John O'Neill, and recorded as "Misc. 1910-10,162"?

(2.) What is the position of the application, and will the matter be expedited?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The application is still under consideration; action is being expedited.

(11.) Destruction of Documents, Department of Justice:—Mr. McDonald asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many official documents have been destroyed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace during the past five years, and what papers were they?

(2.) What is the nature of the documents it is the custom of the Clerk of the Peace to destroy?

(3.) Is any record kept of the number and nature of documents destroyed?

(4.) Is the destruction of documents the duty of any particular official in the office of the Clerk of the Peace; if so, the name of such official?

(5.) If not, are all the officials in that office authorised to destroy documents if they consider that no useful purpose can be served by their preservation?

(6.) When and by whom was the practice of destroying official documents in the office of the Clerk of the Peace originated?

(7.) Is such practice followed in other branches of the Department?

(8.) Is there any minute or direction on record in the Department authorising such practice; if so, what is the date and text of it?

(9.) If the documents in the Bowling case were destroyed by the Clerk of the Peace "in accordance with the usual practice," what necessity was there for the Clerk of the Peace to consult with the Under Secretary before destroying these particular papers?

(10.) If it is the practice of the Clerk of the Peace to destroy confidential documents similar to those destroyed in the Bowling case, why were these documents not destroyed until some months had elapsed after the trial?

(11.) Is it the custom for the Clerk of the Peace to consult the Under Secretary when he proposes to do things in accordance with the usual practice obtaining in his office; or does the Clerk of the Peace only consult the Under Secretary when he proposes to depart from the usual practice?

Mr. Holman answered,—I have been furnished with the following information:—

(1 and 2.) It is impossible to say accurately, but there were not a great many. These documents were only confidential particulars furnished by the police concerning possible partiality of jurors summoned and who might be empanelled in criminal cases.

(3.) No.

(4 and 5.) Such documents may be destroyed by the Clerk of the Peace or the Deputy-Clerk of the Peace, and the Crown Prosecutors.

(6.) Many years ago—probably more than thirty years.

(7.) No.

(8.) Not so far as can be found.

(9.) The conversation with the Under Secretary of the Clerk of the Peace was not for the purpose of obtaining authority for destroying the confidential reports in the case named, and no specific authority was given. The Clerk of the Peace merely mentioned his intention to tear the papers up (having recently come across them), as they were no longer required. The matter was regarded as routine.

(10.) The papers in Bowling's case, being locked up, were overlooked for a few weeks, otherwise they would have been torn up immediately after the trial.

(11.) Answered by (9).

(12.) Comptroller-General of Prisons:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the reply to Question 13, *Votes and Proceedings* of 1st December, to the effect that "no such arrangement has been considered" as that suggested, viz., the removal of Mr. Macfarlane from position of Comptroller-General of Prisons, and appointment of Mr. S. W. McCauley in his stead, will he state whether such change is contemplated, and is to be considered?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—So far as I know, no such change is contemplated, but the appointment of a Comptroller-General of Prisons is one for the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice.

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- (13.) Immigration :—Mr. Wade asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the reduced rates charged to immigrants by some of the Australian States has interfered with the flow of immigrants to this State ?
 - (2.) Did the late Government take steps to counteract this tendency ?
 - (3.) Has he taken any steps to remove this cause of competition ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the stream of immigrants continues on a reduced scale owing to the above cause ?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—
- (1.) The low rate of £2 charged by Western Australia to agricultural labourers, and the free passages offered to domestics by that State and Queensland, have made it more difficult to secure skilled farm workers and domestics for New South Wales.
 - (2.) Yes ; the Governments of Western Australia and Queensland were communicated with, and asked to consider the advisability of bringing all the rates into line, but no final decision was arrived at.
 - (3.) Steps are being taken to revive the negotiations.
 - (4.) To some extent, as indicated by the answer to No. (1), the more favourable rates offered by Queensland and Western Australia are affecting the supply of skilled farm workers and domestics to New South Wales.
- (14.) Railway, Burren Junction to Collarenebri :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the money has been voted for the construction of a railway line from Burren Junction to Collarenebri ?
 - (2.) Was its construction commenced on 25th July, 1904 ?
 - (3.) Was it stopped short of its objective some five years ago in the middle of a waterless plain, 10 miles from Collarenebri, where there are no paddocks for the reception of stock, and absolutely no water for the use of carriers ?
 - (4.) Were the railway earthworks constructed by the late Honorable E. W. O'Sullivan to the town of Collarenebri, and thence for over a mile on the surveyed line to Angledool ?
 - (5.) Has the border traffic, in consequence of the activity of the Queensland authorities, since been diverted to their lines ?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that the only remaining factor required for the completion of the line is the trestle, and will he expedite the completion ?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) The money has not been voted.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) It was stopped at East Collarenebri, about 10 miles from Collarenebri.
 - (4.) The earthworks were partially constructed to the town of Collarenebri, but not beyond.
 - (5.) I cannot say.
 - (6.) The question of the completion of the line will form part of the matter to be considered by the Cabinet in determining the railway construction policy.
- (15.) Opal Ring at Lightning Ridge :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Black, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he seen a statement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 5th instant, to the effect that an opal ring has been formed at Lightning Ridge ?
 - (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made concerning its verity or otherwise ?
 - (3.) If founded on fact, will he consider the advisability of bringing the anti-trust law into operation ?
- Mr. Edden answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The Warden has been asked for a report as to the facts.
 - (3.) When the Warden's report has been received the matter will be further considered.
- (16.) Division of Bellingen Shire into Ridings :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a notice been gazetted to the effect that Bellingen Shire has been, or is to be, divided into six ridings ; and, if so, when was such notice gazetted ?
 - (2.) Will the six ridings be in force for the purposes of next Shire Council elections early in the coming year ?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Yes.
- (17.) Applications under Closer Settlement Promotion Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Respecting his refusal of permission to a party of intending settlers to take up an area of land under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Promotion Act (as stated by him in reply to a Question asked on 30th November by the Honorable Member for Orange), will he furnish this House with the names of applicants, area, and locality of the land proposed to be taken up, and the reasons for refusal ?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—The subject land is situated in the parishes of Ballina and Teven, county of Rous. The refusal of the application was based upon information furnished by the applicants, which, being of a confidential nature, it would be unfair to them to disclose.
- (18.) Signal Station, Newcastle :—Mr. Gardiner asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is the staff of the Signal Station, Newcastle, compelled to be on duty from nine to fifteen hours a day, Sundays not excepted, through the station being undermanned ?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the alterations in operation at Fort Scratchley obstruct a portion of the look-out from the Signal Station, thereby imperilling life and property ?

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Mr. McGowen answered,—

(1.) The Acting Superintendent of Navigation informs me that the station is not undermanned. There are four officers on the staff—two on duty from sunrise to sunset, and the other two from sunset to sunrise, all the year round. Each officer is allowed four weeks' recreation leave each year. At night only one officer is on the look-out at a time; the other is on the station, but divides the watch, share and share alike, but is liable to be called if required.

(2.) The alterations in operation at Fort Scratchley obstruct a portion of the look-out from the Signal Station, Newcastle. Application was made to the Commonwealth Government to allow the erection of another storey on the Signal Station, but that was refused. A temporary platform has been raised to the height of the roof of the present look-out house, and this will serve all requirements until the station is taken over by the Federal Government, when they will make their own arrangements.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE COMPANY LIMITED ENABLING BILL :—Mr. Parkes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 24th November, 1910; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members sworn* :—Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire, George Alfred Jones, Esquire, Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, and John Storey, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
7. MURRUMBIDGEE CANALS IRRIGATION BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Arthur Griffith, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
- CHELMSFORD, *Message No. 21.*
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, in respect of works under the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, and the construction and use of railways and tramways and works for the transmission of water or power, and for drainage; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water and drainage; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act; and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
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Sydney, 8th December, 1910.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
8. MAINTENANCE ORDERS BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Holman 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 Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Prisons Act, 1899; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
9. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1910, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1910–1911, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £285, for Executive Council, for the year 1910–1911.

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

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Estell, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Myall Creek Bridge on Bingara-Warialda Road :—Mr. McDonald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a tender been accepted for the construction of the new bridge over Myall Creek on Bingara-Warialda Road ; if not, when will a tender be accepted ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Tenders will probably be accepted during the present week.

- (2.) Extension of Manilla-Barraba Railway to Bingara :—Mr. McDonald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit the proposed extension of the Manilla-Barraba line to Bingara to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during the present Session ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The necessary surveys and statutory reports will be prepared in time for submission of the proposal to Parliament during the next Session.

- (3.) Main Outfall Sewer, Long Bay :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the contractors for the first section of the Main Outfall Sewer to Long Bay abandoned their contract ?

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

(3.) What are the terms of settlement agreed upon between the Government and the contractors ?

(4.) What is the value of the work which has been carried out by the contractors ?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for fresh tenders ; and, if so, when ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The matter has now been arranged with the contractors, and the work will be proceeded with at once.

- (4.) Water and Camping Reserve 40,567 :—*Mr. Thrower*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any application or any recommendation been made with regard to the retention or the making available for additional holding of Water and Camping Reserve 40,567 ?

(2.) Has any decision been reached of late in reference to this reserve ?

(3.) Can it be made available for additional holding ?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The Land Board has recommended retention of five acres of the reserve, and that the balance be made available for additional holdings. Instructions for measurement are with the Surveyor.

- (5.) Case of N. Ward, Fireman, Eveleigh :—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—In the matter of an appeal case of one N. Ward, fireman, Eveleigh, referred to several times last Session by the Honorable Member for Newtown, will he supply him with a copy of the evidence and proceedings before the Railways Appeal Board in this case ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—There is no objection to the Honorable Member perusing the evidence, which I will give him the opportunity of doing.

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(6.) Salaries of Officers of Parliament :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Henry Willis*, asked the Premier,—Will he take into consideration the question of increasing the salaries of officers of Parliament, seeing that *Mr. Justice Higgins*, of the High Court, has found “ that there had been a distinct increase in “ the cost of living ” in the Commonwealth ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The responsibility of originating action in matters of this character rests with the Heads of Parliament.

(7.) Ballina to Booyong Railway :—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he refer the proposed railway from Ballina to Booyong to the Public Works Committee this Session ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—No.

(8.) Murwillumbah to Tweed Heads Railway :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for *Mr. Hindmarsh*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he refer the proposed railway from Murwillumbah to the Tweed Heads to the Public Works Committee this Session ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—This proposal cannot be submitted to Parliament during the present Session.

(9.) Caldwell's Application for a Settlement Purchase on Larras Lake Area :—*Mr. Moxham*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did the Local Land Board at Molong refuse an application lodged by one Caldwell for a settlement purchase on part of the Larras Lake closer settlement area ; did they forfeit the deposit he lodged and disqualify him from lodging any similar application for a period of three years ?

(2.) What was the amount of the deposit lodged ?

(3.) What were the reasons given for forfeiting the deposit ?

(4.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of waiving this forfeiture, in part, if not as far as the whole amount is concerned ?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £136 18s. 9d.

(3.) The Land Board was of opinion that the application was not made in good faith.

(4.) I have no power to alter the Land Board's decision.

(10.) Public Library :—*Mr. Moxham*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that congestion exists at the Public Library, at corner of Bent and Macquarie streets ; that it is almost impossible for the contents of the institution to be made use of because of the cramped condition of the premises, &c. ?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of constructing another wing to the Public Library in the Domain, with the object of having some portion of the contents of the building referred to in Question No. 1 being transferred at as early a date as possible to new quarters ?

(3.) Is it a fact that the buildings now occupied for Public Library purposes are in such condition that if a fire broke out there would be little chance of saving a single volume ?

(4.) Is it a fact that the contents of this Library could not, in many instances, be replaced if destroyed by fire ?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that great congestion exists, and that some of the books are not properly accessible to readers, owing to the insufficient accommodation.

(2.) This is a large matter, which must necessarily await the provision of funds. I have promised the Trustees, who waited on me regarding it, to bring the matter before the Cabinet.

(3.) I am not aware that the risk is exceptional. The Library is provided with efficient fire appliances.

(4.) Some of them it would be impossible to replace in such a contingency, but the Trustees no doubt take all precautions possible to guard against it.

(11.) Grants to Agricultural Societies :—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) What amount has been given in special grants to each agricultural society in the State for the past three years, ending 30th June last ?

(2.) What amount has been given to each Electorate for the same period in special grants to agricultural societies ?

Mr. Treفته answered,—The information asked for will cover several sheets of foolscap, and will take some time to prepare. I have already called for a report, which covers the period mentioned, a copy of which will be supplied to the Honorable Member as soon as it is available.

(12.) Canowindra to Gregra Railway :—*Mr. Moxham*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he submit to the House this Session, for reference to the Public Works Committee, the matter of proposed extension of the railway from Canowindra to Gregra ?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—No ; not this Session.

(13.) Electric Railway Signalling :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Hoyle*, asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are any of the railway signals now being worked electrically ; if so, where ?

(2.) How long has it been working ?

(3.) Has it been successful, and was it installed by Australian engineers ?

(4.) Will he furnish this House with all available information relating to the introduction of electrical signalling in connection with our railway system ?

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Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) The railway signals in Sydney yard are being worked pneumatically and controlled electrically.
- (2.) The first section was brought into use on the 27th February, 1910.
- (3.) On the whole, it has been successful ; the apparatus was supplied by an English firm, and the installation was carried out by the Department.
- (4.) I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will state more specifically the nature of the information which he requires.

(14.) Immigration :—Dr. Arthur asked the Premier,—

- (1.) What is the amount available for the current year for Immigration purposes ?
- (2.) How much of this vote has been already expended ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

- (1.) £25,000. This sum, it might be added, is approximately equal to the expenditure upon this service during last financial year, and is greatly in excess of the amounts expended in the years prior to 1909-10.
- (2.) £11,639, up to the end of November.

(15.) Universal Penny Postage :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Cohen, asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he made any representations to the Federal Government in respect to the loss sustained to the revenue of this State in consequence of the delay in bringing in the universal penny postage ?
- (2.) If so, what action has been taken ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The question of the extent, if any, to which the revenue of this State may be prejudicially affected in the circumstances mentioned is receiving attention.

(16.) Dubbo Railway Station :—Mr. Thrower asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he bring under the notice of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways the want of accommodation at the Dubbo Railway Station ?
- (2.) Will he advise the early erection of a new station, to cope with the requirements of the public ?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) The desirability of improving the station accommodation at Dubbo is recognised.
- (2.) The matter will receive consideration.

(17.) South Maitland Collieries :—Mr. Gardiner asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is the whole of the thick seam in the South Maitland coal-measures of marketable value ; if not, approximately how much ?
- (2.) Under the present system of working, how much of the seam is it customary to remove ?
- (3.) How much of the remainder can be removed subsequently ?
- (4.) Is the present system of working in the South Maitland collieries the best-known one to remove the maximum quantity of coal from thick seams ?
- (5.) Is it a fact that for every inch of coal left in the four South Maitland collieries, viz., Aberdare, Aberdare Extended, Neath, and Bell-bird, there is a loss to the Government in royalties of over £6,000 ?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) What is known as the thick seam in the South Maitland coalfield varies considerably in both quality and thickness. In some places it is all workable, while in others only a portion is extracted.
- (2.) As already stated, the thickness of workable coal varies in different collieries.
- (3.) This question cannot be answered definitely, as sufficient experience of its practical working has not yet been obtained.
- (4.) The system in vogue is believed to be the best under the prevailing conditions.
- (5.) The royalty would amount to at least that sum.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McGowen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the amount of Coal purchased locally and imported by the Government during the 1909-10 Coal Strike, and the Prices paid for same.
- (2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1910-11.
- (3.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Station Yard at Orange.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring portions 107 and 108, parish of Currajong, county of Ashburnham, town of Parkes, to be Private Lands under Part IV, Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Treffé laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1910.
- (2.) Report of the Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen 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.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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3. 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 5th day of December, 1910, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Richard Denis Meagher, 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 Richard Denis
“ Meagher, 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 fifth day of December, 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,*

“ D. MACDONELL.”

4. VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARKS BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove the Trustees of Victoria Park and Rushcutters Bay Park recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to remove the Trustees of Victoria Park and Rushcutters Bay Park recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees,*”—which was read a first time.

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

5. COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Edden, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes.

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Sydney, 13th December, 1910.

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

6. EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Beeby 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. Beeby, *passed.*

Mr. Beeby then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910 ; and for purposes consequent thereon.*”

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 Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910 ; and for purposes consequent thereon,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th December, 1910.

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7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Macdonell, 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, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910 ; and for other purposes.

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

The Chairman moved, That the report be *now* received.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Gillies, Mr. Moxham, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Price.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910 ; and for other purposes.

Mr. Macdonell then moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only six Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Cocks, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Moxham, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Price,

Mr. Macdonell moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only seven Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Cocks, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Moxham, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Perry, Mr. Price, and Mr. Wade.

8. HELENSBURGH LEASES BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1910, A.M.

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

The Temporary Chairman moved, That the report be *now* received.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Tressé,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Page.
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Carmichael,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Ball.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Gillies.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Nielsen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that certain sales, leases, and disposals by the Crown shall be deemed to have extended to a certain depth only below the surface, and that lands below that depth shall be deemed to have been Crown lands open to mining; 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.
9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Macdonell, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Members sworn*:—Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, George Black, Esquire, and Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
11. MURRUMBIDGEE CANALS IRRIGATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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, in respect of works under the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, and the construction and use of railways and tramways and works for the transmission of water or power, and for drainage; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water and drainage; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act; and for such purposes to amend certain Acts: and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. 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, in respect of areas affected by the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, the construction and use of roads, railways, tramways, works, and improvements; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for making charges for water, drainage, and improvements; for levying rates and tolls; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act; and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Griffith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Nine o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Commonwealth Payments to the States :—Mr. Wade asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the estimated population of New South Wales on 31st December, 1910?
- (2.) What is the amount estimated to be paid by Commonwealth to this State for year ended 30th June, 1910?
- (3.) How is this made up?
- (4.) Has the proposed contribution to the Commonwealth deficiency been deducted from this year's estimate?

Mr. McGowen answered,—

(1.) The Commonwealth Government estimates that the population of New South Wales on 31st December, 1910, will be 1,661,000.

(2.) On account of year 1910-11	£1,850,870
Balance due on account of year 1909-10	126,795
Total estimated to be paid by the Commonwealth to this State in year ended 30th June, 1910	1,977,665
(3.) Federal Treasury Estimate at 25s. per capita	2,076,250
Less contribution to moiety of special payment to West Australia	£46,407
Less contribution to Federal Deficit	178,973
	225,380
Net return on account of 1910-11	1,850,870
Add Balance due on account of 1909-10	126,795
Estimated return in 1909-10	1,977,665

(4.) Yes.

(2.) Conviction of Margaret Jackson :—Mr. Wade asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) (a) On what date was Margaret Jackson convicted; (b) what was the offence; (c) what was the punishment imposed?
- (2.) Had she been tried before; if so, with what result?
- (3.) Was the charge on which she is now imprisoned based on the allegation that she caused death in the attempt to procure abortion?
- (4.) Did the police reports show she was a notorious abortionist?
- (5.) When is she due for release?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 5.) Prisoner Margaret Jackson was convicted of manslaughter at the Sydney Gaol Delivery on 20th September, 1905, and was sentenced to six years' imprisonment with light labour. Upon appeal to the Full Court the conviction was quashed (14th November, 1905), and the prisoner was discharged. On the 12th April, 1906, the High Court reversed the judgment of the Full Court and affirmed the conviction. Jackson was received into Darlinghurst Gaol on 21st idem. On the 10th May, 1906, the sentence was amended to six years' penal servitude. There had been no trial prior to the one terminating on 20th September, 1905. She is due for release on the 8th of next month.

(4.) There are no such reports with the Departmental papers, that is, so far as they can be traced. If the reports are still in existence they are apparently in some other Department.

(3.)

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(3.) State Bursaries:—Mr. Wade asked the Premier,—Has the Government decided, as a matter of policy, that bursaries are to be granted by the Department of Public Instruction which may be held in either State secondary schools or private secondary schools?

Mr. McGowen answered,—It is proposed during the next Session of Parliament to introduce legislation amending the Public Instruction Act in several directions. The Bill will provide a scheme for the establishment of an endowment fund for bursaries and scholarships, and Parliament will be afforded an opportunity of discussing a proposal by the Government that these scholarships shall be tenable at any registered secondary school.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulations Nos. 69 and 188, under the Public Service Act, 1902.

(2.) Rules under the District Courts (Amendment) Act, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1909; together with Tables, &c.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McGowen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,

Message No. 23.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

State Government House,

Sydney, 3rd December, 1910.

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

4. SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY ACT—EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS:—Mr. Beeby moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the provisions of that Act be extended to the Country Shopping Districts of Liverpool, Cabramatta, and Canley Vale, Smithfield and Fairfield, Portland, Gulgong, and Inverell.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

5. PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL:—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

Question put and passed.

6. VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nielsen,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Treffé,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Meagher,	Tellers,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Price,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Henry Willis.
Tellers,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Levy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Nielsen, 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 at a later hour of the day.

7. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL [*heretofore* MURRUMBIDGEE CANALS IRRIGATION BILL (No. 2)]:—

Mr. Arthur Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on 14th December, 1910, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide, in respect of areas affected by the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, the construction and use of roads, railways, tramways, works, and improvements; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for

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for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water, drainage, and improvements; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act; and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; 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.

8. NURSES' REGISTRATION 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 provide for the registration of nurses qualified to practise in New South Wales; to amend the Private Hospitals Act, 1908; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

F. B. SUTOR,

Sydney, 14th December, 1910.

President.

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

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Macdonell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Disorder:—The Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, refusing to resume his seat, after having been repeatedly called upon to do so, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Acting Serjeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker stated that having been informed that the Honorable Member for Orange was willing to apologise for his conduct, if permitted to do so, he directed that Mr. Fitzpatrick be readmitted.

Whereupon Mr. Fitzpatrick re-entered the Chamber, and tendered his apology to the House.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1910, A.M.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Hoyle,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Grahame,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. James,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Robson,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Latimer,	

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Hoyle,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Peters.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Meehan,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. James,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Colonel Onslow,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.

Mr.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Tréfé,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Holman,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Thrower,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Morrish,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Moxham,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARKS 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 without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the report was adopted.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Levy, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Six o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Applications for Exclusive Forestry Rights:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several applications for exclusive rights under the provisions of the Forestry Act were lodged early in the present year, and that they came before the Local Land Board at Bellingen and Coff's Harbour only last month?

(2.) Were all these applications postponed for hearing to next year?

(3.) Is it the duty of the Lands Department to advertise and otherwise publicly notify that these applications are to be heard?

(4.) What steps have been taken to give public notice of the applications now with the Local Land Board in Bellingen and Grafton Land Districts?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The Forestry Act does not require exhibition and advertising, but the Forestry Department asked, too late for action before the sitting of the Boards, that the hearing of the cases be advertised.

(4.) Plans are being prepared for exhibition, and notices are being sent for advertisement in the *Government Gazette* and local newspapers.

(2.) Location of Public School Teachers:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for Mr. McLaurin, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When vacancies occur in schools convenient to Sydney, will he see that teachers of over twenty years' service, and who have served in unfavourable localities, receive special consideration?

(2.) Is it a fact that some teachers are left to spend their lives in country service, while other teachers are allowed to remain their whole term of service in schools convenient to Sydney?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

(1.) This is now done.

(2.) It is impossible for all teachers to obtain appointments in Sydney. Every teacher is required to serve in country districts and appointments are determined by efficiency and length of service. Care is taken to strictly limit the period of service spent by teachers in unfavourable localities.

(3.) Surveyors in Works and Lands Departments:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for Mr. Price, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the rates of pay, allowances, and holidays received by men engaged in connection with railway and other survey works in his Department and those proposed to be paid by the Lands Department?

(2.) Is it intended to pay uniform rates and allowances; if so, when will such proposals come into operation?

(3.) Will he furnish details of such rates of pay, hours of work, allowances, holidays, and other details?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) From the 1st January next the payment will be at the rate of 7s. per day, six days a week.

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- (4.) Carriage Painters, Eveleigh :—Mr. Minahan asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Carriage Painters Award is being ignored by the foreman at the Eveleigh paint shop in regard to clause 11 of the general provisions which states that promotion from the lower grades is to be according to seniority and fitness?
 - (2.) If such is the case, will he issue instructions to have the Award observed in future?
 - (3.) Who is to judge as to employee's fitness for promotion?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Instructions have already been issued, and the Award is being observed.
 - (3.) The final decision as to an employee's fitness for promotion rests with the Chief Commissioner.
- (5.) Septic Tank, Hornsby Railway Yard :—Mr. Hollis asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in Hornsby railway yard there is a septic tank, which is a source of bad smells, and is alleged to be the cause of much sickness in and around Hornsby?
 - (2.) Have numerous complaints about this been made to the Chief Commissioner and the Department?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the Railway Staff at Hornsby suffer considerably from this cause?
 - (4.) Will he provide that the Railway authorities shall either remove this nuisance, or place it in such order as to make it unobjectionable and healthy?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) It is alleged that the septic tank at Hornsby creates offensive odors.
 - (2.) Complaints have been made.
 - (3.) I am not aware.
 - (4.) The local Council having requested that the use of the tank be discontinued, the pipes from the railway conveniences were disconnected some time ago; but some of the occupants of private premises are still using the tank, presumably with the concurrence of the Council.
- (6.) Chatsworth Drainage Scheme :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will plans and estimate of costs be completed in connection with the Chatsworth Drainage Scheme?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Plans and estimate have been completed, and steps are being taken to have the Trust Proposal gazetted. It is anticipated that this will be done in about three weeks.
- (7.) Conversion of Special Leases :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that in giving approval to certain applications for special leases he intimated to applicants that he will not approve of such leases being converted into conditional purchases?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—Yes.
- (8.) Closer Settlement Fund :—Mr. Hindmarsh, for Mr. Wade, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What was the credit balance of Closer Settlement Fund on 30th June, 1910?
 - (2.) What estates that have been resumed or purchased are still unpaid for?
 - (3.) What is the amount owing in each case?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) £543,997 12s. 2d.
 - (2 and 3.) I will presently lay this information upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.
- (9.) Preference to Unionists :—Mr. Morrish asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to embody the principle of preference to unionists in the proposed amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act?
 - (2.) Will he consider whether the absence of the principle of preference to unionists in many Wages Boards Awards means, in actual practice, a preference to non-unionists?
- Mr. Macdonell answered,—It is proposed in the Amending Act to give to the Industrial Court full power to grant preference to unionists.
- (10.) Domestic Employees :—Mr. Morrish asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Does he intend to make provision in the proposed amendments of the Industrial Disputes Act for regulating the conditions of employment of employees in boarding-houses and domestic employees in private service?
- Mr. Macdonell answered,—It is proposed in the new Industrial Arbitration Act to provide facilities for any organisation of domestic employees to approach the Industrial Court.
- (11.) "Rocks" Resumed Area :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Cochran, asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When was Mr. Hall appointed Manager of the "Rocks" Resumed Area?
 - (2.) What are his duties and salary?
 - (3.) How many tenants in the area have been summoned for arrears of rent during his management?
 - (4.) How many garnisheed?
 - (5.) How many sold off?
 - (6.) How many evicted?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—
- (1.) 4th March, 1909.
 - (2.) The management, under instructions from the Treasury, of the Observatory Hill Resumed Area, including matters in connection with the improvement of the area, the letting of the premises, collection of rents, repair of the properties, and other work incidental thereto. His salary is £450 per annum.

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- (3.) Twenty. In addition, forty-five summonses have been issued to persons who had been tenants, but who had left owing rent.
- (4.) Four. In addition, twelve ex-tenants, who had left the area owing rent, have been garnisheed.
- (5.) Two.
- (6.) None evicted, but some eight tenants, against-whom possession orders were obtained, vacated the premises before the date fixed for giving up possession.
- (12.) Sale of Town Allotments, Glen Innes :—Mr. Thomas asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to sell town lands surveyed some eight months ago, and situated between Mosman and Derby streets, Glen Innes; and, if so, when?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—The District Surveyor reports that survey of sections 36 to 38 and 49, Glen Innes, has been effected, and his recommendation for auction sale will be forwarded early next week.
- (13.) Railway Refreshment Room, Glen Innes :—Mr. Thomas asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the travelling public are greatly inconvenienced through inadequate accommodation at the Refreshment Room, Glen Innes?
- (2.) Is it a fact that plans and specifications were prepared for a new building over twelve months ago?
- (3.) When is it intended to proceed with this work?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that under the present conditions the accommodation is inadequate; but alterations are contemplated which will obviate the necessity for additional accommodation.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) For the reasons stated in answer to No. 1 Question, the expenditure would not be justifiable. The new building is not necessary, as the alterations in contemplation will, it is considered, meet requirements.
- (14.) Loading Stage, Glencoe :—Mr. Thomas asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a loading stage is urgently required at Glencoe?
- (2.) Was a promise made by the Chief Commissioner for Railways to the Farmers and Settlers' Association, of Glencoe, to proceed with the erection of a stage; if so, will this promise be carried out without further delay?
- Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) It is recognised that there is a necessity for this accommodation.
- (2.) The Association was advised that funds were not at present available to meet the expense. The matter will be considered in connection with the Estimates, 1910-11.
2. PAPERS :—
- Mr. McGowen laid upon the Table,—Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1910.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Treflé laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting remission of portion of fine imposed on Mr. George Ambler for breach of City By-laws—Loitering on the Footway.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Estates of which acquisition for Closer Settlement had been approved by Parliament prior to 30th June, 1910, and which were not paid for at that date.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. 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. McGowen,—*
- (1.) Camden Sewerage Bill :—
- CHELMSFORD, *Message No. 24.*
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 extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.
- State Government House,
Sydney 15th December, 1910.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- By Mr. Arthur Griffith,—*
- (2.) Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee Tramway Bill :—
- CHELMSFORD, *Message No. 25.*
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 an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes.
- State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill,

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(3.) Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

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 carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

(4.) Carrington Wharfage 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

(5.) Bathurst Sewerage Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

(6.) Orange Sewerage Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

(7.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library Completion) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

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 completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

(8.) Great Western Railway Duplication (Emu Plains and Blaxland) Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

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 duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

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(9.) Hermidale to Nymagee Railway Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.*Message No. 32.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*

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

(10.) Glenreagh to Dorrigo Railway Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.*Message No. 33.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; or for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*

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

(11.) Botany and North Botany Sewerage Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.*Message No. 34.*

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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*

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

(12.) Sydney Water Supply Amplification and Improvement Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.*Message No. 35.*

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 carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*

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

(13.) Albury Sewerage Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*

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

(14.) Wagga Wagga Sowerage Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 15th December, 1910.*

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

(15.)

15th-17th December, 1910.

(15.) Junee Water Supply Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

(16.) Broken Hill (Umberumberka Creek) Water Supply Bill :—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

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 works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

4. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAYS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Two o'clock p.m. on Fridays and Mondays in each week, and Government Business "only shall be taken."

Debate ensued,

Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "only shall be taken, and inserting the words "shall take precedence,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put and passed.

5. VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Nielsen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the consideration of a new clause "to stand as clause 5,"—instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the consideration of a new clause to stand as clause 5,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

7. EARLY CLOSING 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 Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

15th-17th December, 1910.

EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1910.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *After* "1910" *omit* remainder of clause.Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *After* "day" *insert* "for non-scheduled shops"Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "Provided that nothing in the above provision shall affect
"the operation of section eight of the Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1900."Page 2. *After* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause:—Section eight of the Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1900, is amended by inserting after
the words "such shop may," where secondly occurring, the words "subject to the provisions of the
"next following paragraph."
Amendment of s. 8 of the Act of 1900.Page 2, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "or any Act amending the same."Page 2, clause 6. At end of clause *add* "the twenty-fourth of December."

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.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Ballot for Election of Members*:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and the Bells rung,—Mr. Speaker fixed a quarter before Eight o'clock as the hour when the Ballot would close,—and the House proceeded to the Ballot.(2.) *Members Elected*:—The Clerk having delivered to Mr. Speaker the result of the Ballot, Mr. Speaker declared the following to be elected Members of the Committee, viz.:—John Storey, Esquire,
Robert Thomas Donaldson, Esquire,
Robert Scobie, Esquire,
George Arthur Burgess, Esquire.

9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the report was adopted.

Mr. Nielsen moved, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Beeby,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Cochran.
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Grahame.

Nocs, 27.

Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Waddell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Ball,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McGowen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put

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The House divided.

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 27.
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Bruntuell,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Horne,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. McDonald,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Fell,
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Page,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Meehan,		Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Nicholson,		Mr. James,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Morrish,	Mr. John Storey.	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Burgess,		Mr. McFarlane,
	<i>Tellers,</i>	
	Mr. Ball,	
	Mr. Taylor.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
12. ORANGE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Arthur Griffith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

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 erection of an Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 15th December, 1910.

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

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Water Supply from Nymboida River for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that a 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Water Supply for Broken Hill from Umberumberka Creek*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.

Debate ensued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 20.
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Horne,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Treffé,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Price,
Mr. McGowen,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Henry Willis,
Mr. Macdowell,	Mr. Peters,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Page.	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Meagher,		Mr. Downes,
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. James,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Black,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Osborne.	
Mr. Meehan,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,		Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Morrish,		Mr. Ball.

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

Original Question put and passed

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- (3.) *Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Question put and passed.
- (5.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (6.) *Sewerage for Botany and North Botany*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Question put and passed.
- (8.) *Railway, Glenreagh to Dorrigo*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Question put and passed.
- (9.) *Railway, Hermidale to Nymagee*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (10.) *Fisher Library, Sydney University*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposal for the completion of the Fisher Library, Sydney University, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
- (11.) *Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
- (12.) *Wharfage at Carrington, Port of Newcastle*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (13.) *Great Western Railway Duplication between Emu Plains and Blaxland*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the duplication of the Great Western Railway Line, between Emu Plains and Blaxland, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
- (14.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Question put and passed.
- (15.) *Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
Question put and passed.
- (16.) *Hospital for the Insane, Orange*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—URGENCY :—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the following Bills be brought in and passed through all their stages in one day,—

- (1.) Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Bill.
- (2.) Broken Hill (Umberumberka Creek) Water Supply Bill.
- (3.) Sydney Water Supply Amplification and Improvement Bill.
- (4.) Albury Sewerage Bill.
- (5.) Junee Water Supply Bill.
- (6.) Botany and North Botany Sewerage Bill.
- (7.) Wagga Wagga Sewerage Bill.
- (8.) Carrington Wharfage Bill.
- (9.) Hermidale to Nymagee Railway Bill.
- (10.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library Completion) Bill.
- (11.) Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee Tramway Bill.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the following Bills being brought in and passed through all their stages in one day :—

- (1.) Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Bill.
- (2.) Broken Hill (Umberumberka Creek) Water Supply Bill.
- (3.) Sydney Water Supply Amplification and Improvement Bill.
- (4.) Albury Sewerage Bill.
- (5.) Junee Water Supply Bill.
- (6.) Botany and North Botany Sewerage Bill.
- (7.) Wagga Wagga Sewerage Bill.
- (8.) Carrington Wharfage Bill.
- (9.) Hermidale to Nymagee Railway Bill.
- (10.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library Completion) Bill.
- (11.) Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee Tramway Bill.

Question put and passed.

15. GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton ; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton ; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton ; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton ; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton ; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton ; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1910.*

16. BROKEN HILL (UMBERUMBERKA CREEK) WATER SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill ; 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 sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time."

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed.*

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill ; 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 sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1910.*

17. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY AMPLIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs ; 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

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(4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs; 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1910.

18. JUNEE WATER SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Mr. 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon 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 carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junee; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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19. ALBURY SEWERAGE BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Mr. 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.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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20. BOTANY AND NORTH BOTANY SEWERAGE BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Mr. 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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21. WAGGA WAGGA SEWERAGE BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

Mr. 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga ; and for purposes consequent thereupon 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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22. CARRINGTON WHARFAGE BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

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23. HERMIDALE TO NYMAGEE RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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24. UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (FISHER LIBRARY COMPLETION) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, 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 completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes.

Mr. 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 sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes.

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

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- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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25. DARLEY-ROAD, RANDWICK, TO LITTLE COOGEE TRAMWAY BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes.

Mr. 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 sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes.

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

- (3.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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26. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DUPLICATION (EMU PLAINS AND BLAXLAND) BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith 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 duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

27. GLENREAGH TO DORRIGO RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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28. CAMDEN SEWERAGE BILL :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension, Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.
Question put and passed.
29. ORANGE SEWERAGE BILL :—Mr. Arthur Griffith 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
30. BATHURST SEWERAGE BILL :—Mr. Arthur Griffith 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
31. ORANGE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE BILL :—Mr. Arthur Griffith (*by consent*) moved, without 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 erection of an Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
32. COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL :—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
33. VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARKS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Nielsen, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Nielsen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to remove the Trustees of Victoria Park and Rushcutters Bay Park recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees.*"
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 remove the Trustees of Victoria Park and Rushcutters Bay Park recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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34. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Macdonell 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 6, 7, and 8,"—instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 6, 7, and 8,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Macdonell, 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 the Bill 2° with further amendments.
Mr. Holman moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. Macdonell 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 further reconsideration of clause 8,"—instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the further reconsideration of clause 8,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Macdonell, 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 the Bill 3° with a further amendment.
On motion of Mr. Macdonell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

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35. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of Mr. Beeby*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 3, 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the following boards and industries:—

Board.	Industries and employees in industries.
Cycle and Motor Cycle	Persons employed in the manufacture and repair of cycles and motor cycles.
Electroplating... ..	Persons employed in the electroplating industry.
Woodworkers	Sawyers, wood-working, machinists, saw-sharpeners and pullers-out employed in furniture factories, joiners' workshops, coopers' workshops, carriage and waggon shops, and shipbuilding and ship-repairing establishments.
Unskilled Labourers ...	Timberers, pipe-layers, manhole builders, and tool-sharpeners employed in or in connection with sewer works.
Waterside Workers ...	All persons employed in shipping coal and coke.
Dredging	All persons employed on or in connection with dredges. Add after the words "Persons employed by farriers" the words "and in and about farriering."
Railway and Tramway Construction, Road and Water Conserva- tion.	All persons employed in the construction of railways, tramways, roads, and water conservation works.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

36. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Two o'clock a.m. (on Saturday, 17th), until Monday next, at Two o'clock.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Conviction of Margaret Jackson :—Mr. Thrower asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was the conviction of Margaret Jackson quashed by the Supreme Court of New South Wales?
- (2.) Was she thereupon liberated?
- (3.) Was an appeal taken to the High Court by the prosecution?
- (4.) Was a promise given by the then Attorney-General that no matter what was the effect of that appeal the prisoner should not be reimprisoned?
- (5.) Upon the decision of that appeal, was Margaret Jackson reimprisoned?
- (6.) Was her arrest effected by her being inveigled to Darlinghurst under false pretences that money was owing by her, and then never let out?
- (7.) Is it considered that this treatment affected her sanity?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Yes.

(4.) The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given to Question on this point asked in the Legislative Assembly on 9th April, 1908. From that reply it will be seen that the late Attorney-General stated that Mrs. Jackson's release was unconditional, and that she would never go back to gaol again. His reasons for subsequently ordering her arrest are also given in that reply.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) A statement from her Counsel to this effect is among the papers. The police report with the papers, however, states that she was arrested at her residence at St. Peters and lodged in Darlinghurst Gaol. An application was subsequently made to the Supreme Court for a writ of *habeas corpus*, but the Court held that she was lawfully in custody, and the writ was refused.

(7.) No. The Visiting Surgeon to the State Reformatory has reported that, in his opinion, Mrs. Jackson's health has not suffered by reason of her imprisonment. This report confirms opinions previously expressed by the Visiting Surgeons of Darlinghurst and Bathurst Gaols.

- (2.) Conviction of Margaret Jackson :—Mr. Wade asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Had Margaret Jackson been tried for any offence before 20th September, 1905; and, if so, with what result?
- (2.) Was the charge on which she is now imprisoned based upon the allegation that she caused death in the attempt to procure abortion?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) Yes. She was tried and convicted at Newtown Police Court on 3rd November, 1894, for a breach of the Children's Protection Act, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and at Sydney Gaol Delivery on 5th December, 1894, she was convicted on two charges of a breach of the same Act for failing to furnish records of confinements in a lying-in home of which she was in charge. She was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour, and to pay a fine of £100, on each charge.

(2.) Yes.

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- (3.) Payment of Members of Newcastle and Maitland Collieries Wages Board:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Gardiner*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—By whose authority were the members of the Newcastle and Maitland Collieries Wages Board, Messrs. Forsyth and Paterson, paid more than the sum of 10s. per day which the Act provides?

Mr. Holman answered,—The payments were authorised by the late Attorney-General. The allowance of 10s. per diem is fixed by regulation. *Mr. Forsyth* did not receive any expenses.

- (4.) Control of Parks:—The *Rev. T. S. Crawford* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) What steps are necessary to bring parks now held by private Trustees under the control of a Municipal Council?
(2.) Will he take steps at an early date to vest the Marrickville-Enmore Park in the Municipal Council of Marrickville?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) The Governor may, by proclamation under section 117 of the Local Government Act, 1906, charge a Council of a Municipality with the care, &c., of any public park within the Municipality, and thereupon any existing Trust relating thereto is dissolved.
(2.) The matter is now receiving consideration.

- (5.) The Observatory:—*Mr. Scobie*, for *Mr. Gus. Miller*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is the position of the Government Astronomer vacant?
(2.) Is it proposed to fill the vacancy; if so, when?
(3.) Was an investigation made into the working of the Observatory two years ago?
(4.) What was the result of such investigation?
(5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report of the investigation?

Mr. Beeby answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) The matter is under consideration.
(3.) An investigation was made by the Public Service Board, at the instance of the late Minister of Public Instruction and the Cabinet, in June, 1909.
(4.) The Board furnished its report, but the late Government deferred taking action thereon, pending the determination of the Commonwealth Government as to the future control of Observatories.
(5.) The report of the Public Service Board will be laid upon the Table of this House.

- (6.) Railway Employees' Reduced Season Tickets:—*Mr. Bruntnell* asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Chief Railway Commissioner cancelled the concession of season tickets at half rates, formerly granted to all *bona fide* railway employees, on the ground that it was abused by "week-enders"?
(2.) Will he cause representations to be made in favour of restoring this concession to railway employees, whose circumstances compel them to reside outside the Suburban Area, who are not "week-enders," but permanent residents; thus enabling servants of the State to regain a privilege they have enjoyed for the last twenty years?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) No.
(2.) It is not considered advisable to allow the concession outside the suburban areas.

- (7.) Miners' Accident Relief Board:—*Mr. Thrower* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Who are the gentlemen who have constituted the Miners' Accident Relief Board?
(2.) What is the amount received by each as fees during the past three years?

Mr. Edden answered,—

- (1.) Hon. John L. Fegan, J.P.; Senator Sir Albert J. Gould; Sir William McMillan; Hon. J. H. Cann, J.P.; William Bower, Esq.; and Alfred Ashley Atkinson, Esq., J.P.
(2.) Hon. John L. Fegan, J.P., 1908, £218 8s.; 1909, £218 8s.; 1910 to November 30th, £202 12s. William Bower, Esquire, 1908, £3 3s.; 1909, £6 6s.; 1910, £6 6s. Sir William McMillan, 1909, £2 2s.; 1910, £4 4s. Senator Sir Albert J. Gould, Hon. John H. Cann, M.P., and Alfred Ashley Atkinson, Esq., do not receive fees.

- (8.) Dunedoo-Coonabarabran Railway:—*Mr. Horne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to submit the Dunedoo-Coonabarabran Railway extension to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works this Session; if not, when?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—Yes; as part of the larger scheme for opening up the whole of the Pilliga-Scrub area.

- (9.) Assistant Inspectors under Pure Food Act:—*Mr. McFarlane*, for *Mr. Gillies*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many assistant inspectors were recently appointed under the Pure Food Act?
(2.) Will he supply a complete list of the names of the candidates for those positions?
(3.) Is it a fact that inexperienced men were appointed over the heads of experienced sanitary inspectors?
(4.) Will the Government consider the advisability of placing those sanitary inspectors on the same footing, as regards preference, when making similar appointments in the future?
(5.) Is it a fact that an inexperienced suburban sanitary inspector was recently appointed Supervising Dairy Inspector for the Hunter River Combined Sanitary Districts, and that the particular officer was really selected for an entirely different position altogether, mainly on his credentials as a plumber?

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- (6.) Is it intended to prohibit experienced sanitary inspectors from employment under the Board of Health?
- (7.) Will he have a look at the credentials of the applicants for the position of assistants under the Pure Food Act, and give his opinion upon the men selected?
- (8.) Will the Government grant a free railway pass to sanitary inspectors all over the State to attend an annual conference and instruction week in Sydney?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

- (1.) Two.
- (2.) I shall presently lay the list upon the Table.
- (3.) No; the two positions advertised were filled by the appointment of certificated sanitary inspectors, Royal Sanitary Institute.
- (4.) This has already been done.
- (5 and 6.) No.
- (7.) The selection does not rest with me, but with the Public Service Board.
- (8.) I am not aware that any such conference is held, or intended to be held.
- (10.) Rights of Collieries to Surface and Underlying Coal Measures :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Kearsley*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the Stanford Merthyr Coal Company the right to extract all the coal underlying the Stanford Merthyr township, in the South Maitland Coalfield?
- (2.) If not, what percentage of the coal may be withdrawn?
- (3.) Has this Company a uniform coal-right over the whole of the area held under mineral lease by them from the Crown?
- (4.) What is the surface right of this Company on their mineral leases thus held?
- (5.) Has the Pelaw Main Coal Company the right to extract all the coal underlying the Pelaw Main township?
- (6.) If not, what percentage of the coal may be withdrawn?
- (7.) Has this Company a uniform coal-right over the whole of the area held under mineral lease from the Crown?
- (8.) What is the surface right of this Company on the mineral leases thus held?
- (9.) Are the coal-mining rights on the mineral leases held by the coal-mining companies in the South Maitland Coalfield uniform?
- (10.) Have these companies the timber right over the whole of the areas held by them under mineral lease?
- (11.) If not, what is the limit of their right as to area, their right to cut timber, their right to exclude others from cutting timber?
- (12.) What is the right of these companies to surface occupancy for dwelling, works, and pasturage?
- **Mr. Edden* answered,—As this Question will involve an exhaustive search and examination of a number of leases, the information required will be furnished in the form of a return.

- (11.) Extension of Belmore Railway to Liverpool :—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for *Mr. Downes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to submit the extension of the Belmore Line to Liverpool to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works during the present Session?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—No; not during the present Session.

- (12.) Georges River Weir, Liverpool :—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for *Mr. Downes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the old weir on Georges River, Liverpool, in spite of repairs, is in a precarious condition?
- (2.) Is it his intention to construct a new weir near the old site, as promised by his predecessor?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

- (1.) The old weir at Georges River is being kept in an efficient condition until another work can be substituted.
- (2.) It is proposed to reconstruct the existing weir, and a sum of money has been placed on the Estimates for the purpose.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. McGowen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations Nos. 235 and 236, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (2.) Regulation No. 241, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (3.) Regulations Nos. 237 to 240, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Proclamation declaring Fuller's Earth to be a Mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (2.) Proclamation declaring Agate and Chalcedony to be Minerals within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1900, and the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1909.
- (2.) List of Applicants for appointment as Assistant Inspector under the Pure Food Act, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Beeby laid upon the Table,—Report by the Public Service Board into the working of the Sydney Observatory.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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3. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day—"Canterbury Park Racecourse Company Limited Enabling Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee), second reading"—postponed until To-morrow.

4. **LOAN ESTIMATES**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McGowen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

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 Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services of the year 1910-11, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

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

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (LEASING) BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

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 leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

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

(2.) Mr. McGowen then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise the leasing of certain superfluous lands; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1900,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. **COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Macdonell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Treffé,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Meohan,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scobie,

Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Peters,
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Page,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Cochran.

Tellers,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. G. A. Jones.

Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. James,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Hunt,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Parkes,

Mr. W. Millard,
Tellers,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Colonel Onslow.

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

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Edden,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Neilsen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Cusack.
Mr. Kearsley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Dacey,	
The Rev. T. S. Crawford,	

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Mr. Thomas,
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Mr. Hindmarsh,
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Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Latimer.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Macdonell, *passed*.Mr. Macdonell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910; 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, the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1906, and the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act, 1910; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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8. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Price submitted that this Bill exceeded the Order of Leave; clause 9 provided that the proposed Trust should have control of certain railways and tramways, which was in direct contravention of the Railways Act, section 14 of which provided that all railways, tramways, and rolling stock should be vested absolutely in the Chief Commissioner for Railways—the provisions of the clause were also opposed to the Common Carriers Act and the Stage Carriages Act. He further pointed out that the provisions of this Bill were contrary to the Local Government Act, in which section 131 set out that all lands were to be subject to taxation, except those specially enumerated, whereas clause 23 of the Bill proposed that any land under the control of the Trust should be exempt from taxation—these conflicts with the Acts specified were not indicated in the Order of Leave, and he, therefore, contended that the Bill was out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker quoted a decision given by his predecessor on 23rd August, 1906, in which he quoted a decision of Mr. Speaker Peel in the House of Commons as follows:—"I should like to add the Title of this Bill is unduly specific, and that there is no necessity in the Title of a Bill to enter into such particularities; all that is necessary is that the Title of the Bill shall be in general terms and cover the general scope and purposes so as to include all the subject matters comprised in the Bill." There are three points raised—as to the railways, lands, and municipal rating; if the Bill contemplated a general amendment of the Railway Act, Land Act, or Local Government Act there might be much in the objection taken, but the amendments were only incidental to the objects of the Bill, and were merely to give effect to the irrigation proposition. He, therefore, could not sustain the Point of Order.

Debate continued.

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

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Dunn,
Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Page,
Mr. McCreer,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morrish.

Tellers,

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Lec,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Cohen,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Fallick,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Treflé,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. James,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. McGarry,	Tellers,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	* Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Beeby,	* Mr. Dacey.

And so it passed in the negative.

And the House continuing to sit after midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith; the report was adopted.

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

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

- (1.) Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipalities of Grafton and South Grafton; to provide for the administration and management of such scheme; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President.

- (2.) Sydney Water Supply Amplification and Improvement Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme for the amplification and improvement of the Water Supply of the City of Sydney and Environs; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

- (3.) Junce Water Supply Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Junce; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

- (4.) Albury Sewerage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Albury; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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(5.) Botany and North Botany Sewerage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Districts of Botany and North Botany; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(6.) Wagga Wagga Sewerage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(7.) University of Sydney (Fisher Library Completion) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of the erection of a Library within the grounds of the University of Sydney; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

10. CARRINGTON WHARFAGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle; 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 sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nine minutes past Two o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m. This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Metropolitan Lock-up Keepers :—Mr. Morrish asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many lock-up keepers are engaged in residential lock-ups in the Metropolitan District?
 - (2.) Are the lock-up keepers held responsible for the twenty-four hours every day, and do they have to attend to everything occurring or reported to them?
 - (3.) By whom, and at what time, are they relieved at night or day time?
 - (4.) What are their working hours?
 - (5.) After the stations are shut at midnight, who answers the telephone or attends to any other matter?
 - (6.) Do the wives of lock-up keepers have to attend to police duties when the lock-up keeper is called out on public business?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that the Police Department obtains the service of the lock-up keeper and his wife for 7s. per day, and then charges 7s. per week rent for the quarters they occupy?
 - (8.) Will he obtain a report from each lock-up keeper personally, giving full particulars of hours of duty and work performed?
 - (9.) Will he cause the reports obtained to be placed upon the Table of this House?
 - (10.) Will he consider the desirability of maintaining the present conditions affecting lock-up keepers?
 - (11.) Are any arrangements made to relieve a lock-up keeper and his wife together, so that they might attend Divine Service?
 - (12.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of introducing the principle of one clear day's rest in each week throughout the Police Force?
 - (13.) Will he take steps to abolish the white trousers worn by the foot police, substituting for same one made of dark material?
- Mr. Macdonell answered,—
- (1.) Twenty-two.
 - (2.) No; they attend to complaints whilst on duty, and when off duty they ring up and inform their head station, except in cases of urgency requiring immediate attention.
 - (3.) They are relieved by other constables, when on leave of absence. The stations are usually locked up at 11 or 12 o'clock (midnight), when they retire to bed.
 - (4.) No fixed hours of duty. In some of the suburbs, when there are no prisoners locked up, the watch-house keepers perform four hours' street duty.
 - (5.) The watch-house keeper, who resides on the premises.
 - (6.) No; but if the telephone rings they simply answer it and take the message.
 - (7.) No. No watch-house keeper in the Metropolitan District is in receipt of less than 8s. per day, many 8s. 6d., and all occupy quarters which could not be rented for less than 12s. 6d. to £1 per week, in addition to which they are allowed fuel in winter and light during the whole year.
 - (8.) I have obtained reports.
 - (9.) I have no objection.
 - (10.) The present condition is a very satisfactory one, and can in no way be classed as a hardship upon the lock-up keeper. Any lock-up keeper dissatisfied with the conditions can be relieved of them if he simply states that he is desirous of going upon general duty.
 - (11.) Certainly, whenever required.

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- (12.) The police are paid by the day, in addition to which they have twenty-eight days' annual leave, and are kept upon full pay when sick from ordinary causes.
- (13.) The Inspector-General does not comment on this. He thinks the white trousers and white helmets are a very appropriate dress for the summer months, and should not be abolished, and states that they have been worn for the past thirty years.
- (2.) Clarence River Entrance:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that what is known as "The Reef" seriously obstructs the Clarence River entrance?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that many applications have been made for its removal, and have they been refused on the ground that the work could not be economically carried out unless a protecting wall were first constructed?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that a reef similarly situated at Port Phillip Heads has been successfully removed without the construction of protecting walls?
 - (4.) Will he ascertain the method adopted, and the cost of the work at Port Phillip Heads?
 - (5.) Will he ascertain whether by adopting a similar method the reef at the Clarence Heads can be removed at a reasonable cost?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) The reef is an obstruction. There is, however, a width of deep water to one side of the reef, which fairly meets the present navigation requirements.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes; but at a greater cost per cubic yard than was estimated by Sir John Cooke for the Clarence River reef.
 - (4.) The Department is aware of the method and cost.
 - (5.) I am informed that the rock at the Clarence River entrance cannot be removed at a reasonable cost by the method adopted at Port Phillip.
- (3.) Rates on old Public School Property, Inverell:—Mr. Thomas asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of his Department to pay rates now overdue on the old public school property at Inverell?
- Mr. Macdonell answered,—The property in question being let to the Commonwealth military authorities, steps are being taken to determine who should pay the rates, and the matter will, it is hoped, be shortly adjusted.
- (4.) Available Crown Lands served by Railway Extensions:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What area of available Crown lands will be served by the recent railway extensions—(a) from Gulgong to Dunedoo; (b) on the first section of the railway from Moree to Mungindi; (c) along the proposed line of railway from Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico?
 - (2.) Will he state the proportion in each case that is suitable for agriculture?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—I regret that I cannot get the information asked for by the Honorable Member at the present, as it will take a considerable time to prepare.
- (5.) Enrolment of Electors under Water and Drainage Act:—Mr. Bruntnell, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) With regard to the first election of trustees under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, how is the list of those entitled to vote compiled?
 - (2.) Has it been the practice that, after the list has been compiled, it can be reopened to allow other names to be placed on it?
 - (3.) If so, is it necessary to notify those interested in the Trust, by public advertisement, that they can have the opportunity of being enrolled if their right to enrolment has been overlooked?
- Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—
- (1.) The occupiers of the respective holdings being responsible for payment of the rates, their names are inserted on the roll of voters. In the event of any land being unoccupied, the name of the owner is then inserted.
 - (2.) Yes, on satisfactory evidence being tendered to the Minister of any change of occupancy or ownership.
 - (3.) No. This is not provided for in the Act, or by Regulation; every care is taken to make the list as complete and correct as possible.
- (6.) Immigration Bureau Pamphlets:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Stuart-Robertson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to two pamphlets issued by the Immigration and Tourist Bureau—in "Facts about New South Wales," it states on page 1, "18,000,000 acres of excellent wheat land await the plough in New South Wales"; on page 3 of pamphlet, entitled "Wheat in New South Wales," it states, "The State of New South Wales at the present time offers a splendid field for the agricultural settler desiring to build up a prosperous home for himself and his children, the prices of agricultural land range from £1 10s. to £6 per acre"?
 - (2.) Are there 18,000,000 acres of agricultural land, ranging from £1 10s. to £6 per acre, immediately available for settlement in New South Wales?
 - (3.) If so, will he state where the land is situated, whether it is Government land or alienated land; and, approximately, how much is available at the different prices, viz., from £1 10s. to £6 per acre?
 - (4.) The approximate cost per acre of preparing such land for crop?
- Mr. Nielsen answered,—
- (1.) I believe that certain pamphlets issued by the Immigration Department do contain the statements referred to.
 - (2 and 3.) There is certainly not any considerable area of Crown lands of the character indicated available for settlement.
 - (4.) I cannot say.
- (7.)

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(7.) Duplication of South Coast Railway—Coledale Station :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was the duplication of the South Coast Railway, south of Waterfall, promised by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways and also by the ex-Secretary for Public Works?

(2.) Will it be shortly commenced?

(3.) Has the Chief Commissioner for Railways promised to build a railway station at Coledale in lieu of the platform at present existing, and does he intend to carry out his promise?

(4.) Is it a fact that there has not been a legal means of access to the present platform by the travelling public?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed :—

(1 and 2.) That the duplication was recommended by the Public Works Committee, but has not yet received Parliamentary sanction..

(3.) Yes; this work has been noted on the list of works to be carried out during the present financial year.

(4.) It has been the custom to obtain access through private property.

(8.) Miners' Accident Relief Board :—Mr. Nicholson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he decided to fill the position of Chairman of the Miners' Accident Relief Board, and does he intend to accept the fees provided for members of the said Board?

(2.) Does he intend introducing an amending Bill providing an increased allowance to members of the various committees administering the above-named Act?

Mr. Edden answered,—

(1.) I have decided to act as Chairman of the Miners' Accident Relief Board, but I will not accept the fees.

(2.) This matter will be fully considered.

(9.) Appointment of H. W. Taylor, Coroner, Berrima :—Mr. McCourt asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) On whose recommendation was H. W. Taylor appointed Coroner for Police District of Berrima?

(2.) Was the Police Magistrate called upon for his opinion; if so, did he report in favour of Taylor?

(3.) Was Taylor appointed in opposition to the report of the Police Magistrate?

Mr. Holman answered,—

(1.) Mr. Meagher, M.L.A., first brought Mr. Taylor's name under my attention.

(2 and 3.) The Police Magistrate reported that both Messrs. Taylor and Badgery bear excellent characters, but, from a general knowledge of both gentlemen, he recommended Mr. Badgery. In view of the merits of both gentlemen, and the fact that Mr. Taylor had occupied a number of responsible public offices, I recommended the latter, who is the senior in years.

(10.) Extension from Moree-Inverell Railway to Yetman :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action, if any, has been taken to investigate the proposed extension of the railway system to Yetman from the Moree-Inverell Line?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—An officer has been instructed to make an exploration, and will do so very shortly.

(11.) Appointment of Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions :—Mr. Darcy asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of positions of Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions have been vacant for some considerable time; if so, what is the exact number, and where?

(2.) Will he ascertain from the Public Service Board the cause of the delay in filling the positions?

Mr. Holman answered,—(a) There are at present only three vacancies for Stipendiary and Police Magistrates, viz. :—Stipendiary Magistrate, Parramatta; and Police Magistrates, Wilcannia and Murwillumbah. These have resulted from the filling of prior vacancies. The necessary action for filling the existing vacancies is proceeding. The filling of the junior positions must stand over until the senior position is filled. (b) There are eight vacancies for Clerks of Petty Sessions at present, viz. :—Murrurundi, Moss Vale, Hillston, Wallsend, Nyngan, Manly, Penrith, and Balranald. Most of them are the result of filling higher vacancies. Various recommendations are before the Public Service Board, and matters are being dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

(12.) Railway Refreshment Room, Glen Innes :—Mr. Thomas asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—What alterations are proposed whereby it is considered the present accommodation at the Glen Innes Railway Refreshment Rooms may be considered adequate?

Mr. McGowen answered,—I am informed that alterations in the train service are under consideration, which, if carried out, will remove the necessity for additional accommodation at Glen Innes.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Trustees of the Millie Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act 1902.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Mr. C. P. Platt as Assistant Engineer, Department of Public Works.

(3.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1910; together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the case of Prisoner Margaret Jackson.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nielsen laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the Inquiry into the Administration of Newtown Park, Narrabri.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. BISHOP TYRRELL TRUST BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. McGowen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

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,*"—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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4. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Arthur Griffith 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. Griffith, passed.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide, in respect of areas affected by the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, the construction and use of roads, railways, tramways, works, and improvements; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water, drainage, and improvements; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act, and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; 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, in respect of areas affected by the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, the construction and use of roads, railways, tramways, works, and improvements; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water, drainage, and improvements; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act, and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden 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. Edden, 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. Edden, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, on motion of Mr. Edden, and passed.

Mr. Edden then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, 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 Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Beeby, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

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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 Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon.*"

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7. BROKEN HILL (UMBERUMBERKA CREEK) WATER SUPPLY BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of works of Water Supply for the City and District of Broken Hill; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

8. PAPER :—Mr. Nielsen 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 Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 6 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 3, 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the following boards and industries :—

Board.	Industries and Employees in Industries.
Cycle and Motor Cycle	Persons employed in the manufacture and repair of cycles and motor cycles.
Electroplating ...	Persons employed in the electroplating industry.
Woodworkers ...	Sawyers, wood-working machinists, saw-sharpeners, and pullers-out employed in furniture factories, joiners' workshops, coopers' workshops, carriage and waggon shops, and shipbuilding and ship-repairing establishments.
Unskilled Labourers ...	Timberers, pipe-layers, manhole builders, and tool-sharpeners employed in or in connection with sewer works.
Waterside Workers ...	All persons employed in shipping coal and coke.
Dredging ...	All persons employed on or in connection with dredges. Add after the words "Persons employed by farriers" the words "and "in and about farriering."
Railway and Tramway Construction, Road, and Water Conserva- tion.	All persons employed in the construction of railways, tramways, roads, and water conservation works.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the resolution with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Beeby, the report was adopted.

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, 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; the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

11. PAPERS :—Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Schedules Nos. 1 to 6, Estimates, 1910-1911, Public Works Fund (Construction).
(2.) Schedules A to G, Estimates 1910-1911, Department of Public Works (Consolidated Revenue Fund).
Ordered to be printed.

12. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having, in accordance with the terms of section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 3, 1908, this day passed a resolution to amend Schedule One of that Act,—transmits the said resolution to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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INDUSTRIAL

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

That, in accordance with the terms of section six of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 3, 1908, Schedule One thereto be amended by adding the following boards and industries:—

Board.	Industries and Employees in Industries.
Cycle and Motor Cycle Persons	employed in the manufacture and repair of cycles and motor cycles.
Electroplating...	Persons employed in the electroplating industry.
Woodworkers ...	Sawyers, wood-working machinists, saw-sharpeners, and pullers-out employed in furniture factories, joiners' workshops, coopers' workshops, carriage and waggon shops, and shipbuilding and ship repairing establishments.
Unskilled Labourers ...	Timberers, pipe-layers, manhole builders, and tool-sharpeners employed in or in connection with sewer works, all persons working in and about quarries or gravel pits, and in or about the demolition of buildings.
Waterside Workers ...	All persons employed in shipping coal and coke.
Dredging ...	All persons employed on or in connection with dredges. Add after the words "Persons employed by farriers" the words "and in and about farriering."
Railway and Tramway Construction, Road, and Water Conservation.	All persons employed in the construction of railways, tramways, roads, bridges, and water conservation and irrigation works.
Timber Getters ...	Timber cutters and carters.

13. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DUPLICATION (EMU PLAINS AND BLAXLAND) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and *now* read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. CAMDEN SEWERAGE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.

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 extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.

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

(2.)

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- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.*"—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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, *passed.*

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. BATHURST SEWERAGE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.*"—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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, *passed.*

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. ORANGE SEWERAGE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, 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. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon 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 carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
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17. GLENREAGH TO DORRIGO RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and *now* read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

- (4.) Bill read a third time (after Debate), and, on motion of Mr. Griffith, *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo: to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1910, a.m.

18. ORANGE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 erection of an Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the erection of an Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Griffith moved, That the Bill be printed, and *now* read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fourteen minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Two o'clock p.m. This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1910.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tobacco Licenses:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many tobacco licenses are there in existence in the Metropolitan shopping area?
- (2.) What is the number of such licenses held by shops engaged in the fruit and soft-drink trade?

Mr. McGowen answered,—The total number of tobacco licenses in force in the Central and Water Police Districts is 1,707. These districts combined are practically what would be called the Metropolitan area. The records do not show how many of these licenses are held by persons engaged in the fruit and soft-drink trade.

(2.) Richmond River Harbour Improvements:—*Mr. Perry* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the expenditure on the Richmond River Harbour improvements is nearly approaching the authorised amount; if so, will he make the necessary provision for the completion of those works?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—The limit of authorised expenditure has been reached. It is not considered desirable to extend the Northern Breakwater further, and as the Southern Breakwater is within 70 feet of the limit shown on *Sir John Coode's* plan, there is no intention to proceed further, excepting to do what is necessary for the stability of the works.

(3.) Local Government Act—Exemptions under Section 103:—*Mr. Keegan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many Shires and Municipalities have applied for exemption from the operation of clause 103, subsection 2, of the Local Government Act?
- (2.) The names of the Municipalities and Shires that have been granted exemption under the Act?
- (3.) Were there any applications refused, and were there special reasons for such refusal?

Mr. Arthur Griffith answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Honorable Member's attention is directed to a return which was laid upon the Table of this House and printed in 1909, entitled "Return showing the names of the Shires and Municipalities which have applied for exemption from the operation of subsection 2 of section 103 of the Local Government Act, and those granted, and those refused, up to 25th August, 1909." If this does not furnish sufficient information I will be glad to furnish a further return, brought up to date, if requested by the Honorable Member.

(3.) The return referred to contains a statement of the principles which underlie the decisions arrived at.

(4.) Commonwealth Payment of State Officers acting on Old-age Pension Boards:—*Mr. G. R. W. McDonald* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What moneys have been received this year from the Commonwealth for services rendered by Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions (acting respectively as Board Members and Registrars) under the Old Age Pensions Act?

(2.) Has any part of these moneys been paid to Police Magistrates; if so, on what basis?

(3.) Has any part of these moneys been paid to Clerks of Petty Sessions acting as Registrars; if so, on what basis, and if not, why not?

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Mr. Holman answered,—

- (1.) £1,360 ls.
- (2.) The Commonwealth pays for the services of Magistrates at the rate of 1s. 6d. for each claim dealt with. This sum has been paid over to those Magistrates (eleven) whose salaries do not include pension work. Such payments will be discontinued as salaries are readjusted.
- (3.) No. It has not been usual to pay these officers for old-age pension work performed either for the State or Commonwealth. Such work is covered by their salaries.

(5.) Police Pay :—Mr. Morrish asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that twice in each month the whole of the police of a division are brought from all out-stations to the headquarters of the division to receive their pay?
- (2.) Is it a fact that many of the men have been on duty all night, and have attended at noon for their pay, on pain of being reported for non-attendance?
- (3.) Is it a fact that outlying stations are left without police protection for some hours on each pay day, excepting the officer in charge?
- (4.) Will he consider the advisability of paying each officer as he comes off duty at the station at which he is employed?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No. Such a case has never been known.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No. The Divisional Officer is held responsible for the payment of salaries, and if the pay abstract were sent to each station the men would not receive their pay as expeditiously as under the present system.

(6.) Fire Brigades Board :—Mr. Morrish asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount has been paid by the Government to the Fire Brigades Board during the years 1909 and 1910, respectively?
- (2.) Are the men and appliances of the Brigade intended to be used solely for fire brigade purposes?
- (3.) Is it a fact that men and appliances of the Brigade were employed during the recent Parliamentary Elections in the Electorate of St. George, in bringing electors to the polling-booths on polling-day?
- (4.) If so, by whose authority were they so employed?
- (5.) At what time did they leave their station for such purpose, and what time did they return?
- (6.) If the men were so employed, were they given an opportunity of recording their votes in their own Electorates on polling-day?
- (7.) If any men were so employed, to what station were they attached?
- (8.) Is there any clause in the Fire Brigade Act which permits the Board to ply for hire at Elections?
- (9.) Is the Honorable Member for St. George a member of the Fire Brigades Board?
- (10.) Was any payment made for services rendered by the Fire Brigade at any Election?
- (11.) If so, what has been done with the money, and was it placed to Ordinary Revenue Account?
- (12.) Is it a fact that a member of the Fire Brigades Board charged the Board for railway fares when travelling as a member of the Board, while at the same time holding a Parliamentary railway pass?
- (13.) How much money was at the credit of the Salvage Corps Account at the end of 1909?
- (14.) Did the Fire Brigades Board take over this amount; if not, what was done with the money?
- (15.) Have members of the Board obtained private suits of clothing, and have the same been paid for as uniform clothing out of Fire Brigade revenue?

Mr. Macdonell answered,—

- (1.) The contribution to the Fire Brigades Board for the Metropolitan District in 1909 was £19,100. That to the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales for the current year, in respect of all the Fire Districts in the State, amounts to £28,182 18s. 11d. In addition, there was an advance of £13,817 1s. 1d. which the Board has to repay.
- (2 and 3.) Yes.
- (4.) The President of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- (5.) Left at 7.42 a.m., and returned at 12.4 a.m.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) One to Headquarters and one to Randwick.
- (8.) No.
- (9.) He is a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- (10.) Twelve guineas was paid for the use of the cars on the day of polling for the last General Election.
- (11.) It has been placed in a Fire Commissioner's Trust Account.
- (12.) An official report to that effect was brought under my notice last evening.
- (13.) £234 13s. 8d.
- (14.) I understand that the amount was held in a private account until 13th July, 1910, and it was transferred to a Trust Account of the Commissioners on that date.
- (15.) I understand there is one such case.

I may inform the Honorable Member that I have received an official report on these and other matters, and have taken immediate steps to have a full and searching judicial investigation made.

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(7.) Alienation of Jervis Bay Foreshores:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for *Mr. Fell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are the foreshores of Jervis Bay still the property of the Crown?
- (2.) If any portion has been alienated, to whom?
- (3.) Was any portion of the foreshores reserved for military purposes; if so, does it pass to the Federal Government?
- (4.) In the original agreement with the Federal Government, what frontage to Jervis Bay was conceded to them?
- (5.) What particular portion of Jervis Bay is now sought for by the Federal Government in their last request for ten square miles?

Mr. Nielsen answered,—

- (1.) The frontage above high-water mark to Jervis Bay embraces about 30 mils. Of this frontage about 13½ miles are alienated to private individuals, and about 9½ miles granted to the Commonwealth Government. The balance, about 7½ miles, is still the property of the State.
- (2.) Sixteen portions, embracing an area of 7,157¼ acres, and having a frontage of about 13½ miles to Jervis Bay, have been alienated. The original alienees from the Crown are—*Edward Deas Thompson*, 2,560 acres; *William Morgan*, 100 acres; *Michael Hyam*, 41 acres; *Henry Gordon Morton*, 40 acres; *John Gale Murray*, 40 acres; *John Gale Murray*, 40 acres; *Alexander Kinghorn*, senior, 2,560 acres; *William Hinchcliffe*, 280 acres; *William Hinchcliffe*, 185 acres; *Michael Hindmarsh*, 208 acres; *David Berry*, 18 acres; *David Berry*, 59 acres; *Alexander Berry*, 880 acres; *Henry Parkes*, 33 acres; *Henry Parkes*, 68 acres; *Henry Parkes*, 45 acres 1 rood.
- (3.) Reserve 23c for defence and other public purposes above high-water mark along the frontage of parts of Jervis Bay was notified on the 30th June, 1884. About 7½ miles of frontage of this reserve are still State property, about 9½ miles frontage having been granted to the Commonwealth Government.
- (4.) About 9½ miles.
- (5.) There is no information available in Lands Department to answer this Question. I would suggest reference to the Premier's Department.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Arthur Griffith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1910; together with Maps and Photographs.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Edden laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public School at Blackwall.
 - (2.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1910.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1910-1911:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. McGowen*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

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 Additional Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the financial year ending 30th June, 1911.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th December, 1910.

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

4. EARLY CLOSING AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. McGowen*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

CHELMSFORD,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes consequent thereon,*"—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, 20th December, 1910.

5. 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, copy of Minute 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.:—The unexpended balances of Appropriations under Schedule A to the Supply Act, No. 3 of 1910, to the Vote of £1,842,900 under the same Act 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.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. ORANGE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Orange; 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 sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1910.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McGowen moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. McCourt, under Standing Order No. 335, moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,—"*That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Attorney-General in appointing H. W. Taylor as Coroner at Moss Vale is improper, for the reasons that Taylor is a man of no character, dull and ignorant, and therefore unable to do the work; that Taylor has been appointed against the recommendation of the Police Magistrate; and that he has been recommended solely by Messrs. Meagher and McNeill, Ms.L.A., who have no knowledge of the District or its requirements.*"

Question,—on Mr. McCourt's motion,—*put and passed.*

Mr. McCourt then moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "*in the opinion of this House, the action of the Attorney-General in appointing H. W. Taylor as Coroner at Moss Vale is improper, for the reasons that Taylor is a man of no character, dull and ignorant, and therefore unable to do the work; that Taylor has been appointed against the recommendation of the Police Magistrate; and that he has been recommended solely by Messrs. Meagher and McNeill, Ms.L.A., who have no knowledge of the District or its requirements,*"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—"*That the Question be now put.*"

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Holman,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Beeby.
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Dooley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Osborne.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Cohen,	Colonel Onslow,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Henry Willis.
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. McCourt,	

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McNeill,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Willis.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Original Question.—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply,—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1910, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Darley-road, Randwick, to Little Coogee; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
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 the 21st December, 1910,—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(3.) Victoria and Rushcutters Bay Parks Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove the Trustees of Victoria Park and Rushcutters Bay Park recreation grounds, and to vest the said grounds in the Municipal Council of Sydney and the Council of the Municipality of Woollahra respectively as Trustees,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(4.) Carrington Wharfage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Wharfage at Carrington, in the Port of Newcastle; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(5.) Great Western Railway Duplication (Emu Plains and Blaxland) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the duplicating of the Great Western Railway between Emu Plains and Blaxland; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(6.) Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide, in respect of areas affected by the Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906, for the acquisition of land, the construction and use of roads, railways, tramways, works, and improvements; for constituting and managing irrigation areas; for the supply of water; for levying rates and tolls; for making charges for water, drainage, and improvements; for establishing and maintaining demonstration farms; to constitute a Trust to administer this Act, and for such purposes to amend certain Acts; 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, 21st December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

MURRUMBIDGEE

MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st December, 1910.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 6, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* "resume or appropriate any land" *insert* "or resume any land or appropriate any Crown land not under lease or license"

Page 6, clause 18, line 43. *Omit* "four" *insert* "ten"

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.

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

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

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1910.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Burgess, Temporary Chairman, reported a Point of Order, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order has been decided by the House.

The Temporary Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows:—During the discussion of the Loan Estimates the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, raised objection to two items:—on the first, "£50,000—State Brickworks—towards establishment of, and "providing means of distribution," he contended that the submission of that item on the Estimates being for a work to cost more than £20,000 was an infringement of the Public Works Act, the preliminary steps of inquiry prescribed by that Act not having been taken; on the second item, "£3,000—Hermidale to Nymagee—towards Railway Construction," the Honorable Member contended that section 31 of the Public Works Act, requiring the work to be approved by Parliament, had not been complied with. He had ruled that the objection taken to the first item was fatal, and he had also upheld the objection to the second item, as he considered that the Committee could not appropriate money for a work which had not received the approval of Parliament. Upon which the Committee decided to submit the Question for the decision of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he would deal with the second item first and in that case he could not sustain the Temporary Chairman's ruling; the House had taken all possible preliminary steps in reference to that item, and the Bill, which was with the Council, might still become law. In reference to the item for the establishment of State Brickworks he had not been able to find a precedent where a large sum like that had been put through in this way since the passing of the Public Works Act. He must, therefore, sustain the Temporary Chairman's ruling.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follow:—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1910-11.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,382, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1910-11.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1910-11.

- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,145, for Legislative Council, for the year 1910-11.

- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,667, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1910-11.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,303, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1910-11.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,112, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1910-11.

- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,906, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1910-11.

- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,490, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1910-11.

No. III.

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No. III.—PREMIER.

- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,137, for Premier's Office, for the year 1910-11.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,750, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1910-11.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,625, for Immigration and Tourist Bureau, for the year 1910-11.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,133, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. IV.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,648, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1910-11.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,942, for Auditor-General, for the year 1910-11.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,165, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1910-11.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £492,707, for Police, for the year 1910-11.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £177,610, for Lunacy, for the year 1910-11.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,969, for Master-in-Lunacy, for the year 1910-11.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Medical Board, for the year 1910-11.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,901, for Department of Public Health, for the year 1910-11.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,745, for Bureau of Statistics and Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions, for the year 1910-11.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £69,382, for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1910-11.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,426, for Department of Fisheries, for the year 1910-11.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,783, for Bureau of Micro-Biology, for the year 1910-11.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £685, for Dental Board, for the year 1910-11.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £101,000, for Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services, for the year 1910-11.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,553, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,048, for Treasury, for the year 1910-11.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,283, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1910-11.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,502, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1910-11.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1910-11.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1910-11.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £82,938, for Government Printer, for the year 1910-11.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,621, for Explosives, for the year 1910-11.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,941, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1910-11.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,845, for Navigation, for the year 1910-11.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, for Australian Coast Lighthouses, for the year 1910-11.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,760, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1910-11.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,008, for Administration of Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, for the year 1910-11.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,641, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1910-11.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £117,336, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1910-11.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,099, for Stores Supply Department, for the year 1910-11.

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- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £206,597, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.
 (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1910-11.
 (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250,000, in aid of Public Works Fund, for the year 1910-11.

No. VI.—RAILWAYS.

- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,685,416, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1910-11.

No. VII.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,466, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1910-11.
 (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,759, for The Judges, for the year 1910-11.
 (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,545, for Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce, for the year 1910-11.
 (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,864, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1910-11.
 (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,202, for Registrar-in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1910-11.
 (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,338, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1910-11.
 (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,385, for Sheriff, for the year 1910-11.
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,555, for District Courts, for the year 1910-11.
 (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,845, for Coroners, for the year 1910-11.
 (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91,765, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1910-11.
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,123, for Prisons, for the year 1910-11.
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,744, for Registrar-General, for the year 1910-11.
 (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,324, for Public Service Board, for the year 1910-11.
 (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,525, for Industrial Court, for the year 1910-11.
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,600, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £326,123, for Department of Lands, for the year 1910-11.
 (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,035, for Western Land Board, for the year 1910-11.
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,947, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £99,066, for Establishment, for the year 1910-11.
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £282,000, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1910-11.
 (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £323,500, for Local Government, for the year 1910-11.
 (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,098, for Labour Bureau, for the year 1910-11.
 (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £177,235, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1910-11.
 (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,978, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1910-11.

No. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,119,432, for Public Instruction, for the year 1910-11.
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,090, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1910-11.
 (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,500, to recoup of amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during previous financial year, under State Children's Relief Act, No. 61, 1901, for the year 1910-11.
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,324, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1910-11.

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- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,400, for Observatory, for the year 1910-11.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,210, for Australian Museum, for the year 1910-11.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,288, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1910-11.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,114, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1910-11.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,770, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1910-11.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,050, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1910-11.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,891, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,374, for Department of Mines, for the year 1910-11.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, for Geological Survey Laboratory, for the year 1910-11.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,140, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1910-11.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,400, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. XII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,022, for Agriculture, for the year 1910-11.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,783, for Forestry, for the year 1910-11.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,597, for Stock and Brands (Pastures Protection Act), for the year 1910-11.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,905, for Stock and Brands, for the year 1910-11.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,245, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1910-11.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,073, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1910-11.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,759, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1910-11.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,378, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1910-11.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,884, for Centennial Park, for the year 1910-11.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,190, for Exports and Cold Storage, for the year 1910-11.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,150, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1910-11.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,314, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1910-11.

No. XIII.—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1910, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1909-10, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1909-10, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,588 9s. 10d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1909-10, Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. XIV.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1910, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1909-10, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £207,003 12s. 10d., for Services of the year 1909-10.

Public Works Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £609,182, for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

Closer Settlement Fund.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £412,000, to provide for the acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—further sum.

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ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. III.—PREMIER.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge for the year 1910-11, under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

For the completion of works already begun under sanction of Parliament from Loan Votes.

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(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £137,000, for Sydney Harbour Trust—towards construction of Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port—further sum.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Railways—towards Deviation to cut out the Lithgow Zig Zag, and for other purposes—further sum.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £974,500, for Railway Construction; being £25,000 for Mudgee to Dunedoo—further sum; £725,000 for North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton)—further sum; £7,500 for Narramine to Peak Hill—further sum; £89,800 for Lockhart to Clear Hills—further sum; £24,000 for Cowra to Canowindra—further sum; £3,200 for Kyogle to Casino—further sum; £100,000 for Cooma to Bombala—further sum.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £42,000, for Tramway Construction—Tramways generally.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £35,000 for Sewerage Construction; being £5,500 for Metropolitan Sewerage and Storm-water Channels generally—further sum; £30,000 for Long Bay—Ocean Outfall—further sum.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £8,600, for Water Supply; being £1,500 for Compensation Weirs, Nepean River—further sum; £7,100 for Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £190,000 for Water Conservation—Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme—further sum.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000, for Miscellaneous—New Public Abattoir at Homebush Point—further sum.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £374,000, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage (to be carried out by the Board); being £194,000 for Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes—further sum; £180,000 for Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, Land, Buildings, &c., and for other purposes—further sum.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,000 for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board; being £6,000 for Water Supply—Improvements to Water Supplies, viz., £4,000 for Extension of Reticulation—further sum; £2,000 for Maitland District—further sum; £1,000 for Sewerage—Extension and Reticulation—further sum.

New Works.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £254,000 for Resumed Properties Branch, being £50,000 for Improvements of Observatory Hill Resumed Area, including the re-alignment of streets and erection of buildings; £94,000 for Sydney Harbour Trust, towards Construction of Works generally, and for the Improvement of the Port; £110,000 for Resumption of Land at Jones Bay and at Darling Island, Pymont.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,512,000, for Railways; being £650,000 for Rolling Stock, to meet additional traffic requirements, and equipment of New Lines; £450,000 for Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes; £400,000 towards construction of Flemington to Belmore and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways; £12,000 towards construction of the Fassfern to Toronto Tramway.

(117.)

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(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £365,000, for Tramways; being £240,000 for Additions to Lines, Workshops, and Buildings, and for other purposes; £75,000 for Rolling Stock to meet Expansion of Traffic; £50,000 for Electrification of Newcastle, Ashfield-Burwood, Manly-Brookvale Lines—towards.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000, for Railways and Tramways—Purchase of Railway and Tramway Stores and Materials, which cannot properly be charged to appropriations of Parliament until actually issued for use—the amount to be carried to Special Deposits Account (Railway Store Advance Account).

SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £350,000 for Closer Settlement to provide for the acquisition of land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—the whole amount to be carried to the Closer Settlement Account.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £33,000, for Railway Construction—being £30,000 for Moree to Mungindi—towards; £3,000 for Hermidale to Nymagee—towards.

(121.) Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £117,000, for Tramway Construction—Tramways generally.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £32,400, for Sewerage Construction; being £10,000 for Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally; £22,400 for Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £140,000 for Water Supply; being £125,000 for Country Towns Water Supplies; £15,000 for Hunter District Water Supply—Additional pumping plant at Walka, and improvement in filter beds, &c.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000, for Water Conservation, resumption of lands for settlement under Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,000, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage (*to be carried out by the Board*)—Water Supply—Sydney Water Supply Amplification.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1910-11, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board; being for Water Supply, £800 for Cottages for District Turncocks at Cessnock and Kurri Kurri; £200 for Newcastle Reservoir—New Machinery for Pumping Station.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follow:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—

(a) For the Service of the financial year 1910-11, the sum of £10,099,156 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1909-10," for Services of the financial year 1909-10, the sum of £107,588 9s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(c) For Services of the financial year 1909-10, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £207,003 12s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Works and Services, the sum of £609,182 be granted out of the Public Works Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved*;—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £412,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund of New South Wales.

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £4,883,000 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, or pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the resolutions were (*after Debate*) read a second time, and agreed to.

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12. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3, 4, and 5), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1910, to the 30th day of June, 1911, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-1910," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments "Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund," for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1909-10; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1910, to the 30th day of June, 1911, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-1910,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1909-10; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, 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. Carmichael, 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. Carmichael, passed.

Mr. Carmichael then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1910, to the 30th day of June, 1911, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-1910,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1909-10; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1910, to the 30th day of June, 1911, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-1910,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1909-10; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.

13. LOAN BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Carmichael then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, 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. Carmichael, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

14. SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY ACT—EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the provisions of that Act be extended to the Country Shopping Districts of Liverpool, Cabramatta and Canley Vale, Smithfield and Fairfield, Portland, Gulgong, and Inverell.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Mr.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the resolution without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Beeby, the report was adopted.

- (2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Beeby, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having, in accordance with the terms of section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, this day passed a resolution to extend the provisions of that Act,—transmits the said resolution to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.*

SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY ACT—EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS.

This Resolution originated in the Legislative Assembly, and having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.*

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

That, in accordance with the terms of section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the provisions of that Act be extended to the Country Shopping Districts of Liverpool, Cabramatta and Canley Vale, Smithfield and Fairfield, Portland, Gulgong, and Inverell.

15. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 Mr. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to one, and disagreed to the other, of the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, the report was adopted.

16. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. McGowen, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. McGowen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes.*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.*

17. PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—URGENCY:—Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 12 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to the proposals for the alteration of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. James,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Wade,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Donaldson.
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Cocks,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. McCourt,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Nielson,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Trosié,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McNeill,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Morrish,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Dacey.
Mr. Grahame,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

(1.) Camden Sewerage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, with regard to works of Sewerage for the Municipality of Camden,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

(2.) Bathurst Sewerage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Bathurst ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

(3.) Orange Sewerage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Orange ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

(4.) Glenreagh to Dorrigo Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Glenreagh to Dorrigo ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

(5.) Coal Mines Regulation (Ventilation) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902 ; 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, 22nd December, 1910.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 22nd December, 1910.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 10. After "therein" insert "Provided that when any mine has ceased to be worked the Minister shall grant such certificate of exemption if, on the report of the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines, the Minister is satisfied that the granting of such exemption will not endanger human life, but in such case the ventilating apparatus shall be kept in operation for at least twenty-four hours before the miners or other workmen are allowed to re-enter the mine"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

19. MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 21st December, 1910, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 6.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 18,—because it is considered that the amount of interest is excessive.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 18 of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.

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20. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS -- *Railway from Barellan towards Hillston* :—
Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Barellan towards Hillston.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dooley moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until a later hour of the day.
21. COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Edden, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.
22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Railway from Barellan towards Hillston* :—
The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Barellan towards Hillston,—and the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.
23. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Saturday Half Holiday Act—Extension of Provisions :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having, in accordance with section 5 of the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, this day agreed to the resolution to extend the provisions of that Act, transmitted with the Legislative Assembly's Message of the 22nd December, 1910,—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (2.) Orange Hospital for Insane Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a Hospital for the Insane at Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (3.) Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 22nd December, 1910, in reference to the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (4.) Loan Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
- (5.) Appropriation Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1910, to the 30th day of June, 1911, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-1910,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910, inclusive of both dates; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense, Consolidated Revenue Fund,' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1909-10; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1910.
F. B. SUTTON,
President

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24. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Railway from Forbes to Stockinbingal*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Forbes to Stockinbingal.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Nielsen,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Meehan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Peters,
Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Morrish,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. James,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Lee,
Colonel Onslow,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Henley,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hindmarsh.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Price,
Mr. Levy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Hoyle moved, That the Honorable Member for Waverley, Colonel Onslow, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Black,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Gus. Miller.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Morrish.

Noes, 33.

Mr. James,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Lee,	The Rev. T. S. Crawford,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Donaldson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Lynch,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Dunn.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Burgess,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Tullamore to Tottenham*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Tullamore to Tottenham.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Railway from Bowning to Burrowa*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Bowning to Burrowa.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Railway from Parkes to Peak Hill*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Parkes to Peak Hill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(6.)

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- (6.) *Railway from Perthville to Burruga*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Perthville to Burruga.
Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Railway from Finley to Tocumwal*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Finley to Tocumwal.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (8.) *Railway from Condobolin to Broken Hill*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Condobolin to Broken Hill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (9.) *Railway from Dunedoo to Coonabarabran*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Dunedoo to Coonabarabran.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (10.) *Tramway from Phillip-street to King-street, North Botany*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Tramway from Phillip-street to King-street, North Botany.
Question put and passed.
- (11.) *Yards on the Abattoir Area, Homebush, for the Disposition and Sale of Live Stock*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing Yards on the Abattoir Area, Homebush, for the Disposition and Sale of Live Stock.
Debate ensued.
Mr. G. A. Jones moved, That the Honorable Member for The Macquarie, Mr. Thrower, be not further heard.
Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only five Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Meehan, Mr. Black, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Dacey, and Mr. G. A. Jones.
Original Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only four Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Colonel Onslow, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Thrower, and Mr. Lee.
- (12.) *New Premises for the Government Printing Office*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting new Premises for the Government Printing Office.
Question put and passed.
- (13.) *Southern Breakwater, Newcastle Harbour Entrance*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the Southern Breakwater, Newcastle Harbour Entrance.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (14.) *Railway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (15.) *Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia*:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. McCourt submitted that it was not competent for the Minister to submit a motion respecting a work which was already authorised by an Act (No. 85, 1902).

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that section 28 of the Public Works Act had been complied with; he was oblivious of the Act which had been passed in 1902; and ruled the motion in order.

Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER, 1910, A.M.

Point of Order :—Mr. Price submitted that the motion was not in order inasmuch as no map or plan of the proposed railway, as required by section 28 of the Public Works Act, had been produced, nor had any report from the present Chief Commissioner for Railways been tabled. Mr. Speaker ruled that the plan produced and report cited by the Minister sufficiently complied with the Act.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

25. PAPERS :—

Mr. Macdonell laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting payment by the Crown to Plaintiff in the Case of *Hole v. Williams*.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

26. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

27. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McGowen moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m. (on Friday 23rd), until Two o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

J. H. CANN,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His 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 seventh day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-third day of December, 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,
 D. MACDONELL.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

1910.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.
(PROROGUED 23 DECEMBER, 1910.)

QUESTION :—

1. MR. MORRISH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £7 10s. was paid for a private suit of clothes for a member of the Fire Brigades Board, to a King-street tailor, in December, 1909?
 - (2.) Did this member also obtain boots and other articles of clothing at the expense of the Fire Brigades Board?
 - (3.) Did the Board grant their Secretary an all-lines railway pass for the latter half of 1910; was the pass purchased; if not, what was done with the money?
 - (4.) What is the age of the present President of the Fire Brigades Board?
 - (5.) Is the President the principal of the firm of T. J. Bown and Co.; and is his firm concerned in the sale of material to the Board?
 - (6.) Have the books of the Fire Brigade been recently audited by Government officials?
 - (7.) Have the auditors reported on any, or all, of the foregoing matters?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin.
2. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Tamworth.
3. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Tramway from Broadmeadow to Waratah.
4. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the Northern Breakwater, Port Kembla.
5. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Subway from Moore-street, *via* Fort Macquarie and Kirribilli Point, to Lavender Bay, for the purpose of affording Railway Communication between Sydney and North Sydney.
6. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a Subway from Burton-street, Circular Quay, Sydney, to Arthur-street, North Sydney, to afford Tramway Connection between Sydney and North Sydney.
7. MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITH to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1900.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Cobar to Wilcannia."
2. Public Works (Leasing) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. McGowen.*]
3. Maintenance Orders Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Prisons Act, 1899; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Holman.*]
4. Helensburgh Leases Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Nielsen.*]
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. McGowen.*]
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. McGowen.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Canterbury Park Racecourse Company Limited Enabling Bill (*is agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Parkes.*]
2. Nurses' Registration Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Ducey.*]

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. JOHN MILLER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, an Eight-hour Bill should be introduced and passed into law.
2. MR. BLACK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the inquiry held into the administration of the Newtown Park, Narrabri.
3. 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.
4. MR. THROWER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, an amendment of the Gaming and Betting Act is urgently needed to provide that the Board of Control shall be constituted of representatives of the Metropolitan and Country Racing Clubs, together with representatives of the public, and that such Board shall possess all the authority in racing matters now exercised by the Australian Jockey Club.
5. MR. THROWER to move, That in the opinion of this House a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Police Force.
6. MR. THROWER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the report of the Advisory Board, and all letters, papers, evidence, &c., in connection with the inquiry held by the Advisory Board into the question of the advisability of the resumption by the Government of the Barbegal Estate.
7. COLONEL ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the loan to Mr. A. C. Carmichael from the Advances to Settlers Board on 1st May, 1899.
8. MR. PARKES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to authorise the refunding to the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation (Limited) the sum of £10,000 deposited by that Company as a guarantee of its good faith.
9. MR. PRICE to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings, and to amend such other Statutes as may be necessary to give effect to the same.
10. 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, and Company; (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, and Company, have been sent into dock for repairs or alterations.
 - (2.) The comparative tests of the two makes of engines.
 - (3.) The like information in relation to the Eveligh Works engines?
 - (4.) The estimated requirements of the Railway Department for engines, so as to enable New South Wales firms to tender for the manufacture of engines.
 - (5.) The character of the engines made by the Clyde Engineering Works.
11. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to insure provision for testators' families.
12. 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 *McCrewether v. Engel*.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Brown, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Harry Morron, and the Mover.
13. MR. WADE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposals for the alteration of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia are unnecessary and unfair to this State, and they should be resisted.
14. MR. MEAGHER to move,—
 - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the alleged custom of making inquiry into the impartiality of jurymen when once summoned; also the procedure adopted in reference to the Bowling jury panel, and also the alleged custom of destroying certain confidential documents in the Crown Law Department.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Levien, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Robson, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Thrower, and the Mover.

15. **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. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Briner, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Meagher, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Downes, and the Mover.
16. **MR. DAVID STOREY** to move, That this House agrees to and adopts the following Standing Orders in reference to limitation of speeches, and authorises Mr. Speaker to present such Standing Orders to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—
- (1.) Unless as hereinafter provided no Member shall speak,—
 - (a) In the House for more than thirty minutes on any Question submitted from the Chair, except,—In the debate on the Address in Reply, or in a debate on a Motion of Censure, or No Confidence, or in moving the second reading of a Bill, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for forty-five minutes.
 - (b) In Committee of the Whole House more than twice on any Question submitted by the Chairman of the Committee; any Member called for the first time to speak shall not speak for more than thirty minutes, when called a second time he shall not speak for more than ten minutes: Provided that so much of this Standing Order as relates to speaking more than twice shall not apply to a Member in charge of a Bill, nor to the consideration of the Estimates or a Supply Bill; but any Member speaking more than once shall be restricted to ten minutes for each speech after the first during the sitting. Provided that, in any case arising under this Standing Order, the Member speaking and desiring an extension of time may ask the House or Committee, and the Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, shall, without debate, take the sense of the House or Committee.
 - (2.) The Debate on the Financial Statement shall be exempt from the restrictions of this Standing Order.
17. **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 five 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.
18. **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.
19. **MR. LEVIEN** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalise the use of an instrument known as the totalizator on certain racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
20. **MR. BLACK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in the interests of public health, all hospitals which are open freely to the sick and dying should be subsidised from the Consolidated Revenue.
21. **MR. BLACK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in the interests of closer land settlement, it is necessary that all Land Boards shall be elected in future by those subject to their jurisdiction.
22. **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.
23. **MR. MEAGHER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the present high and increased cost of living, as disclosed before the various Wages Boards, the minimum wage for all labourers and other unskilled employees in the Government Service should be not less than eight shillings per day.
24. **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.
25. **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.
26. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the cost of living, the increase of same during the past ten years, and the cause of such increase.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McGowen, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Fell, and the Mover.
27. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon what is a living wage, and why men and women are not paid equally for equal work.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Beeby, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Briner, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. Scobie, the Rev. T. S. Crawford, and the Mover.
28. **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.

29. **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. Holman, Mr. Wade, Mr. Briner, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Fallick, the Rev. T. S. Crawford, 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.
30. **MR. HOLLIS** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1901, the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1902, the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1905, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1909, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
31. **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.
32. **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 forshores 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.
33. **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.
34. **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.
35. **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.
36. **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.
37. **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.
38. **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.
39. **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.

1910.
(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1910.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	16	21	.....	87
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	17	39	.....	56
Besby, The Hon. George Stephenson	24	25	.....	49
Black, George, Esq.	14	27	.....	41
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Brown, William, Esq.	7	10	.....	17
Bruntnell, Albert, Esq.	23	27	1	51
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	24	36	.....	60
Cann, The Hon. John Henry (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carmichael, The Hon. Ambrose Campbell	26	41	.....	67
Cochran, John Patrick, Esq.	23	40	.....	63
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement, Esq.	8	18	.....	26
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	17	24	.....	41
Crawford, The Rev. Thomas Simpson	26	26	1	53
Chusack, John Joseph, Esq.	24	41	.....	65
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	19	29	.....	48
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	13	6	.....	19
Dooley, James, Esq.	24	23	.....	47
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	10	18	.....	28
Dunn, William Fraser, Esq.	17	39	.....	56
Edden, The Hon. Alfred	24	40	.....	64
Estell, John, Esq.	27	41	.....	68
Fallick, James, Esq.	13	4	.....	17
Fell, David, Esq.	7	7	.....	14
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	19	18	1	38
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq.	27	42	.....	69
Gillies, John, Esq.	14	38	.....	52
Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	26	27	.....	53
Griffith, The Hon. Arthur	22	37	1	60
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	22	32	.....	54
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	18	27	.....	45
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	26	39	1	66
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	25	40	.....	65
Holman, The Hon. William Arthur	23	37	1	61
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq.	19	39	.....	58
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq.	13	26	.....	39
Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	17	27	.....	44
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	17	15	.....	32
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	22	41	1	64
Kearsley, William, Esq.	26	42	.....	68

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Keegan, Thomas, Esq.	21	42	.....	63
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	11	20	.....	31
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	18	18	.....	36
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	21	30	.....	51
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	5	.....	.....	5
Levy, Daniel, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	25	16	1	42
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	23	41	.....	64
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq.	20	18	.....	38
Macdonell, The Hon. Donald	26	40	.....	66
McCourt, William, Esq.	10	16	.....	26
McDonald, George Roy William, Esq.	26	27	.....	53
McFarlane, John, Esq.	17	23	.....	40
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	24	37	.....	61
McGowen, The Hon. James Sinclair Taylor	18	34	.....	52
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	5	19	.....	24
McNeill, John, Esq.	19	36	.....	55
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	8	2	.....	10
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	19	41	.....	60
Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq.	27	42	.....	69
Millard, William, Esq.	22	36	1	59
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	18	20	1	39
Miller, John, Esq.	14	5	1	20
Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq.	25	41	.....	66
Morrish, James John, Esq.	26	28	.....	54
Morton, Henry Douglas, Esq.	8	4	.....	12
Morton, Mark Finles, Esq.	17	16	1	34
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	14	29	.....	43
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	23	26	1	50
Nielsen, The Hon. Niels Rasmus Wilson	23	40	.....	63
Nobbs, John, Esq.	9	.....	.....	9
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur	27	41	1	69
Osborne, John Percy, Esq.	26	42	.....	68
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	27	42	.....	69
Parke, Varney, Esq.	14	27	.....	41
Perry, The Hon. John	24	36	1	61
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq.	25	41	1	67
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	12	29	.....	41
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	14	13	.....	27
Scobie, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	25	24	.....	49
Storey, David, Esq.	5	1	.....	6
Storey, John, Esq.	27	42	.....	69
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	27	41	.....	68
Taylor, William, Esq.	10	11	.....	21
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	14	17	.....	31
Thrower, Thomas Henry, Esq.	25	37	1	63
Trefé, The Hon. John Louis	23	39	.....	62
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas	8	22	.....	30
Wade, Charles Gregory, Esq., K.C.	18	36	54
Willis, The Hon. Henry	8	15	23
Wood, William Herbert, Esq.	19	27	1	47

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Sydney, 23rd December, 1910.

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1910.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1910.

1. New Writs issued										0
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters						1				
On Private Bills						1				
										2
3. Standing Committees										5
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent						23				
Otherwise disposed of						7				
										30
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent						0				
Otherwise disposed of						1				
										1
										31
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent						0				
Otherwise disposed of						1				
										1
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent						1				
Otherwise disposed of						0				
										1
										2
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed						1				
Not Printed						1				
										2
7. Divisions :—										
In the House						27				
In Committee of the Whole						42				
										69
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—										
Days of Meeting										18
Hours of Sitting										247 h. 5 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight										94 h. 44 m.
Daily Average										13 h. 44 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business						0				
After commencement of Business						1				
										1
9. Votes and Proceedings :—										
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done						234				
Of Questions answered						241				
										475
Daily Average										26
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions						506				
Of Notices of Motion						729				
Of Orders of the Day						116				
Of Contingent Notices						0				
										1,351
Daily Average										75
10. Contingent Notice Papers										3
11. Orders for Papers										0
12. Addresses for Papers										0
13. Other Addresses										1
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message						44				
By Command						112				
In Return to Orders						0				
In Return to Addresses						0				
Reports from Standing and Select Committees						6				
										162
Ordered to be Printed						60				
Not ordered to be Printed						102				
										162

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15. **Sittings of the House:—**

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Second 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	15 November	Tuesday	12 noon	2: 4 o'clock p.m.	h. m. 2 4	h. m. ...	8	
2	16 "	Wednesday	{ 10:30 o'clock a.m.	12:15 " "	1 45	...	14	
3	17 "	Thursday	4 " "	10:33 " "	5 33	...	5	
4	22 "	Tuesday	4 " "	10:48 " "	6 48	...	5	
5	21 "	Wednesday	4 " "	12:47 " a.m.	8 47	0 4	5	
6	21 "	Thursday	4 " "	12:30 " "	8 30	0 30	6	
7	24 "	Thursday	4 " "	{ 7:35 " p.m.	27 35	19 35	10	
8	29 "	Tuesday	4 " "	{ 25 November.	12: 4 o'clock a.m.	8 4	0 4	12
9	30 "	Wednesday	4 " "	1:35 " "	9 35	1 35	14	
10	1 December	Thursday	2 " "	11: 6 " p.m.	9 6	...	9	
11	6 "	Tuesday	2 " "	1: 32 " "	8 32	...	14	
12	7 "	Wednesday	2 " "	10:23 " "	8 28	...	11	
13	8 "	Thursday	2 " "	1: 6 " a.m.	11 26	1 26	10	
14	13 "	Tuesday	2 " "	8:39 " "	18 39	8 39	12	
15	14 "	Wednesday	2 " "	5:55 " "	15 55	5 55	11	
16	15 "	Thursday	2 " "	{ 1:53 " "	35 53	2: 53	36	
17	19 "	Monday	2 " "	{ 17 December.	2: 9 o'clock a.m.	12 9	2 9	11
18	20 "	Tuesday	2 " "	3:46 " "	13 46	3 46	19	
19	21 "	Wednesday	2 " "	{ 12:25 o'clock a.m.	34 25	24 25	27	
			Total		247 5	94 44	231	

Average length of sitting daily, 13 hours 44 minutes.

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