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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1915.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION :—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of May, 1915.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della
“ TO WIT. } Catena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint
“ (L.S.) } Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and
“ G. STRICKLAND, } its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
“ Governor. }

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Monday, the thirty-first day of May, instant: Now, I, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the fifteenth day of June next: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid fifteenth day of June next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of
“ Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the sixth year of His
“ Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ GEORGE BLACK.

“ GOD SAVE THE KING ! ”

2. VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CASTLEREAGH :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 27th January, 1915, declaring the seat of the Honorable John Louis Treflé vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Treflé; and that, during the recess, such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the Election of James Guy Dalley Arkins, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Castlereagh.

(2.) *Member Sworn* :—James Guy Dalley Arkins, Esquire, was introduced, and 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 Castlereagh.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that leave of absence for twelve months from 1st May, 1915, had been granted by the Governor and Executive Council to Richard Aldous Arnold, Esquire, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, preliminary to his retirement from the Public Service.

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

“ MR. SPEAKER,—

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

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

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

5. THE CLERK SUMMONED :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, the Clerk had received a subpoena to appear at No. 1 Jury Court before the Royal Commission respecting the Wheat Acquisition Act, to produce certain records—and that, as Speaker, he had authorised the production of such records.
6. ASSENT TO BILLS :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor :—

(1.) Notification of Births Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the early notification of births,*"—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.) Randwick Loan Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorise the Randwick Municipal Council to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to local government,*"—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.) Aborigines Protection Amending Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Public Health (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for preserving the public health, and in particular to regulate sanitation and to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, small-pox, plague, cholera, and other diseases; to apply the provisions of Acts relating to Public Health and Pure Food, and certain sanitary provisions enacted by or under other Acts to the Crown and the public departments; for the above purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(5.) Newcastle District Abattoir and Saleyards Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle District Abattoir and Saleyards Act, 1912,*"—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.) River Murray Waters Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify and provide for carrying out an agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; 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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(7.) Meat Supply for Imperial Uses Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to secure supplies of meat for the uses of His Majesty's Imperial Government during War; 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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(8.) Crown Lands Purchases and Leases Validation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain original, and additional conditional purchases, conditional purchase leases, a certain conditional lease, a certain settlement lease, and a sale by auction; to vest certain lands in certain persons; 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.) Motor Traffic Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Motor Traffic Act, 1909; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve (Railways) Resumption Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to divest the promoters of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Mining Company and the Waratah Coal Company, their representatives and assigns, of their estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve; to vest certain portions of the said area in His Majesty and declare the same to be Crown Lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands; 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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(11.) Weights and Measures Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide standards and units, and to declare the law of weights and measures ; for the verification and stamping of weights, measures, and weighing and measuring instruments ; to regulate the sale of coal and firewood ; to repeal the Weights and Measures Act, 1898, and the Sydney Coal Delivery Act, 1901 ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Pure Food Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; 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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(12.) Loan (Railways) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a loan for railway purposes ; to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; 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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(13.) Inflammable Liquid Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the keeping, conveyance, and sale of inflammable liquid, to repeal the Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act of 1871 ; 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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(14.) Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Prymont) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the authorised goods railway line to Darling Island as between the head of Rozelle Bay and Prymont ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Flemington to Belmore and Wardell Road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways Act, 1910 ; 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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(15.) Goulburn Sewerage Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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

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(16.) Seat of Government Surrender Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the surrender of territory to the Commonwealth, and to ratify and confirm an agreement for that and 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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7. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, nominated,—

Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,
Ernest Durack, Esquire,
William Fraser Dunn, Esquire,
George Roy William McDonald, Esquire, and
John Storey, Esquire,

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

8. PAPERS :—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry respecting the Wheat Acquisition Act.
- (2.) Supplement of the *Gazette*—Extracts from Report of French Commission of inquiry on the conduct of the German army in France.
- (3.) Report upon the distribution of Food-stuffs by Municipal Markets and otherwise, and upon the standards and cost of living in various countries.
- (4.) Agreement between the Government of New South Wales and John Norton Griffiths in regard to the carrying out of certain public works in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under Justices (Fees) Act, 1904.
- (2.) Report of Comptroller-General of Prisons for 1914.
- (3.) Amended Regulations 17 and 19 under Public Trustee Act, 1913.
- (4.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices for Condensed Milk.
- (5.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices of Butter.
- (6.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices of Butter (amendment).
- (7.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying notice of 13th April, 1915, as to Butter, and declaring the maximum selling prices for Butter and Cream.
- (8.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum wholesale selling price of Oatmeal.
- (9.) Regulation and Order under section 10 of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, as to the making of returns of Flour held by Bakers, and Notices under section 11 authorising the seizure and distribution of certain Flour (J. A. Hemphill), and authorising the seizure and distribution of certain Flour (S. S. Dingle).
- (10.) Notice under section 8 of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling price of Sharps.
- (11.) Notice under section 8 of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices of Flour, Bran and Pollard, also Chaff and Hay.
- (12.) Notice under section 8 of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices for Chick wheat.
- (13.) Notice under section 8 of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices, both wholesale and retail, of Kerosene, Benzine, Heavy Benzine, Motor Spirit, and Benzolene.
- (14.) Regulations and Proclamation under Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, as to the furnishing of returns of Maize, Oats, Chaff and Hay.
- (15.) Returns under the several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1914.
- (16.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Liquor Acts.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and the Bursary Endowment Act of 1912.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1914.
- (3.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for 1914.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1914.
- (5.) Amended By-laws of the Women's College within the University of Sydney.

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- (6.) Reports and Minutes relating to the appointment of Dr. Iza Frances Coghlan as Medical Officer, Department of Public Instruction.
- (7.) Reports and Minutes relating to the appointment of Dr. Gladys Vera Stephen as Medical Officer, Department of Public Instruction.
- (8.) Reports and Minutes relating to the appointment of Dr. Leslie Oswald Sheridan Poidevin as Medical Officer, Department of Public Instruction.
- (9.) Reports and Minutes relating to the appointment of Messrs. Francis Walsh Horrocks and Gordon Charles Barkley as Dentists, Medical Branch, Department of Public Instruction.
- (10.) Notifications of resumption of land for Public School purposes at Fairfield, Blow Clear, New Mexico, Boxland, Ournie, Craigilea, Colly Creek, Lithgow.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Manly to Brookvale Tramway.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishment of State Forest near Gunnedah.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply, Nyngan.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for vesting in the Victorian Railway Commissioners land—Tocumwal Railway Extension Act, 1906.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of State Workshops at Wentworth Park, Glebe.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Baroma Bore.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for North Shore Drainage.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Canterbury and Enfield Sewerage.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishment of Cold Storage Depôt at Moruya River.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for improvement of Port Jackson Harbour.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for dam across Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for dam across Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for dam across Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Finley to Tocumwal Railway.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage of the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway, Barclan towards Mirrool.
- (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway, Barclan towards Mirrool.
- (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Broken Hill Water Supply.
- (22.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Broken Hill Water Supply.
- (23.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Forbes to Stockinbingal Railway.
- (24.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Forbes to Stockinbingal Railway.
- (25.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
- (26.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for erection of an Anti-tuberculosis Dispensary at Newcastle.
- (27.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle, Railway.
- (28.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico Railway.
- (29.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (30.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (31.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (32.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

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- (33.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Drainage Purposes at Turramurra.
- (34.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Night-soil and Garbage Depôt at Pleasant Hills.
- (35.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Stormwater Channel at Fairfield.
- (36.) Minute by Public Service Board *re* appointment of Mr. G. H. Legge as Assistant Land Valuer, Department of Public Works.
- (37.) By-laws under Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1894.
- (38.) Amended By-laws of the Municipality of Nowra, under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (39.) By-laws of the Municipality of Blayney, under the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (40.) By-laws of the Frogmore Swamp Drainage Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (41.) By-laws of the Municipality of Hay, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1914.
- (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 31st December, 1914.
- (3.) Amended Regulation under Coroners' Act, 1898, governing the payment of fees from the Medical Vote to Legally Qualified Medical Practitioners for services rendered on behalf of the Government, on request.
- (4.) Amended Regulations under Aborigines Protection Act, 1909.
- (5.) Regulations under Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
- (6.) Amended Regulations under Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
- (7.) Rules for the Government and Discipline of the members of the Police Force of the State.
- (8.) Report of the Police Department for 1914.
- (9.) Amended Regulations Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulations under the Water Act, 1912.
- (2.) By-laws of the Coubal Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (3.) By-laws of the Oreel No. 1 Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (4.) By-laws of the Florida Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (5.) By-laws of the Mungyer Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (6.) By-laws of the Neargo Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (7.) By-laws of the Moomin Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (8.) By-laws of the Uranbah Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Forms under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Notice of intention to declare that Residential Lease No 1913-2, Portion 63, parish of Dowling, county of Ashburnham, Land District of Forbes, applied for by John Miller, shall cease to be voidable.
- (5.) Notice of intention to declare that the Auction Purchase of allotment 4, of section 10, village of Capeen, purchased by Francis Robert Bruce Johnston, shall cease to be voidable.
- (6.) Notice of intention to declare that the After-auction Purchase of allotment 15, of section 41, town of Byron Bay, purchased by Miss Frances Lee Grimwood, shall cease to be voidable.
- (7.) Notice of intention to declare that the After-auction Purchase of allotment 14, of section 22, village of Aberdeen, purchased by Miss Doreen Magdalen Crawford Kelly, shall cease to be voidable.
- (8.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1907-10, Portion No. 1,095, parish of Young, county of Montagle, shall cease to be voidable.
- (9.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (10.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (11.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts from 17th February to 26th May, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bankstown, at Canterbury.
- (2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for deviating the Great Southern Railway between Cullerin and Harden.

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- (3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Darling Island, at Darling Harbour.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, near Athol.
- (5.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Tramway Traffic between Sydney and Tempe, near Tempe.
- (6.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, at Thirroul.
- (7.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between West Maitland and Taree, near West Maitland.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, at North Goulburn.
- (9.) Notification of appropriation of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Tramway Traffic between Milson's Point and the Reserve, North Sydney.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Leichhardt.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Yass Junction.
- (12.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Culcairn and Corowa, at Hopesfield.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, near Wallerawang (Cox's River).
- (14.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Grafton and Murwillumbah at Coombell.
- (15.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, at Breadalbane.
- (16.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplicating and deviating the railway between Mittagong and Bowral.
- (17.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, at Exeter.
- (18.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, at Yerong Creek.
- (19.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Junee and Hay, by alteration of Station Yard at Junee.
- (20.) Account of moneys received and expended by the National Relief Board of New South Wales since the passing of the National Relief Fund Act, 1914, also statement of securities.
- (21.) Amended Regulation No. 189, under the Navigation Act, 1901, and the Navigation Amendment (Regulations) Act, 1904.
- (22.) Regulations Nos. 256 and 257, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (23.) Rules under the Navigation Act, 1901, for life-saving appliances.
- (24.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st March, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. TIME FOR GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION:—Mr. Griffith proceeding to give Notice of Motion for Tomorrow,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Wade asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether it was a correct procedure for Notices of Motions to be given having relation to the introduction of Bills before the House had the Governor's Speech before it and had disposed of the Address-in-Reply. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he did not discriminate between a Notice of Motion by a Member of the Government and a Notice of Motion by any other Member. Exception had never been taken before although he could remember since 1895 some occasion on which a Notice of Motion of a similar character had been given. Therefore, as a matter of custom, he would not rule the motion out of order.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman informed the House that since the last meeting of Parliament the Government had lost the services of three of its Ministers by the death of Mr. Treffe, the resignation of Mr. Carmichael, and the appointment of Mr. Flowers to the position of President of the Legislative Council. The portfolios were now rearranged as follows:—

Secretary for Public Works,—The Honorable J. H. Cann;

Minister of Public Instruction with charge of Local Government,—The Honorable Arthur Griffith;

Secretary for Lands,—The Honorable William George Ashford;

Minister for Agriculture,—The Honorable William Calman Grahame;

Secretary for Mines and Minister for Labour and Industry,—The Honorable John Estell;

Colonial Secretary,—The Honorable George Black;

Vice-President of the Executive Council, and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council,—The Honorable John Daniel Fitzgerald.

In regard to the positions of the Attorney-General, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Hoyle, and himself there was no alteration.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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15th June, 1915.

12. 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 is with pleasure that I call you together for the opening of this the fourth session of the 23rd Parliament of New South Wales.

2. The recent bounteous falls of rain, and the improved prospects of the year, are matters for profound thankfulness, and will remove much of the anxiety which has been for a long time felt in many districts.

3. War still prevails, and the loyalty of the Australian people, as well as the courage of our troops, has been amply demonstrated in its course. The calls that have been made upon the public on behalf of the various patriotic and charitable funds have resulted in responses whose magnitude emphasises the admirable public spirit actuating the citizens of the State.

4. Immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities the Government of New South Wales placed their entire administrative and industrial resources at the disposal of the Government of the Commonwealth. On several occasions this offer has been availed of, and my Advisers have acted throughout in close harmony and co-operation with the Federal Government.

5. Included among those who have undertaken military and medical service at the front were members of both Houses of the Parliament of the State. It is my melancholy duty to-day to record the death of one of these upon the field of battle, and to offer my earnest condolences to you, his colleagues, upon his loss.

6. The commencement of a state of war was accompanied by great economic disturbance. My Advisers were called upon to cope with serious financial and industrial difficulties, the duration of which it was impossible to foresee.

7. The lengthy programme of legislation announced at the opening of the last session of Parliament, in which were included many weighty matters determined upon by the people at the last General Elections, had, therefore, to be suspended.

8. It became necessary, in the opinion of my Advisers, to submit to the judgment of Parliament a series of emergency measures, arising out of the unforeseen necessities of the war. These provided for the postponement of the payment of debts, for protecting the savings of the people against undue panic, for regulating the prices of necessary commodities, for acquiring the wheat harvest and meat supply of the State, and for adjusting the State's financial requirements.

In connection with many of these measures, my Advisers had, during their preparation, the benefit of the presence and counsels of the Leader of the Opposition, and the patriotic co-operation of members of all parties in their carriage into law.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. Estimates of expenditure for the ensuing Financial Year will in due course be placed before you. It will be found that all the necessary measures have been taken to ensure the financial stability of the State.

10. It is anticipated that the operations of the Financial Year will end in a surplus, a condition of affairs which must be regarded as deeply gratifying in view of the existing adverse circumstances.

11. The financial difficulties which arose through a closing of the London money market to loan operations, felt by the whole Commonwealth, were peculiarly embarrassing to a Government embarked upon developmental works of great magnitude, as was the case in the State of New South Wales.

12. The months from August to November last constituted a period of much anxiety in connection with finance, and the timely aid rendered by the Government of the Commonwealth, by the Imperial Government, and by the Government's Bankers was warmly appreciated by my Advisers and by the people of the State.

13. Arrangements have also been made with Messrs. Norton Griffiths and Company, as a result of which a large body of employment will be guaranteed to workmen now employed by the State and the continued construction assured of public works already commenced.

14. The activities of the State are being continued with undiminished vigour. My Advisers have been able to provide occupation for thousands of men left temporarily unemployed through the closing of the markets of the world to some of our primary products. A large expansion of the area producing wheat, due both to Governmental and private energy, while affording a further measure of employment, will also, it is hoped, strengthen the Empire's resources in the present struggle. In connection with the transport and storage of this important product, it will be found that the Loan Estimates for the forthcoming Financial Year include full provision for the completion of the great duplication works now in hand, and for a large increase in the rolling-stock at the disposal of the Railway Commissioners.

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

15. An important programme of legislative proposals will again be laid before you. Many of these are of urgent necessity, and all were approved by the people at the last general elections. It is now felt that the legislation then endorsed need be no longer delayed, and you will be forthwith invited to enter upon the labours involved in its consideration.

16. During the Session there will be presented the following measures bearing upon the problems of land settlement:—Bills to amend the Crown Lands Act; to deal with the problem of tenant rights; to impose a supertax upon certain areas; to give effect to the findings of a recent Royal Commission with regard to land agency, and to regulate generally the business of land agents; and a Bill providing for the limitation of living areas.

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17. There will also be submitted important proposals relating to Public Works requirements in various parts of the country, including Railway Construction for the more rapid development of the great wheat belt of the State; also Bills to authorise the construction of a City Railway, and of a Bridge to connect the City with North Sydney.

18. For the purpose of more effectively safeguarding the needs of the people as regards food-supplies, you will be invited to consider proposals relating to the meat, fruit, milk, and vegetable industries and for the control of fruit and vegetable agents.

19. You will be asked to authorise measures having for their object the more satisfactory preservation of the health of the community.

20. You will be invited to take into consideration Bills affirming the Eight-hours principle, and to authorise the fuller inspection and regulation of Mines.

21. Other legislative proposals dealing with the protection of workmen and the settlement of industrial disputes will include Bills to amend the Industrial Arbitration machinery; to amend the Workmen's Compensation law; to establish and control Labour Exchanges; to protect workmen's wages by liens; to amend the laws relating to Early Closing, and Pastoral and Rural Workers' Accommodation; also a Trades Union Bill.

22. Measures dealing with the bulk handling and storage of grain, with veterinary surgeons, and with the prevention of fraud in the sale of certain agricultural necessaries will in due course be submitted for your consideration, as well as measures relating to dairying, to pastures protection, to the registration of animals used for stud purposes, to stock brands, to fertilisers, and to diseases in vines and vegetation.

23. A series of proposals designed to effectuate legal reform will constitute an important subject of your deliberations. These will include the amendment of the Crimes Act, and of the law relating to Defamation, as well as provision for Testator's Family Maintenance; and for regulating the publication of objectionable evidence. There will also be brought forward Bills to deal with monopolies; to confer permanency upon certain officers now temporarily employed in the Public Service; to regulate the sale and manufacture of footwear, and to amend the Wheat Acquisition Act, and the law relating to Companies.

24. A Bill to amend the Government Railways Act will engage your attention, as will also measures to enable the Government to establish a petrol monopoly; to regulate appeals in the Railway Service; to deal with Coastal Ports, Railway Crossings, and Income Tax; and to give the Savings Bank Commissioners increased power to make advances to settlers.

25. A Bill dealing with the important question of the establishment of a Greater Sydney is in the course of preparation, and will be brought before you at an early date.

26. An important measure defining contractual relations of citizens of the Commonwealth with parties who have become alien enemies has been proposed by the Federal Government. To give full effect to this measure, parallel State legislation must accompany it. The necessary Bill has been prepared and will be laid before you.

27. Your approval will also be sought for measures for the amendment of the Public Instruction Act; for the establishment of a Bureau of Valuation; for Town Planning; for Local Government amendment, and for the regulation of the Rents of Dwelling-houses.

28. Other measures proposed will deal with Sunday-trading; the creation of a Tribunal of Appeal for members of the Police Force; the establishment of a State Fire Insurance Office; the Electoral Law; Gun Licenses; Bird Life Protection, and the Registration of Dentists, Architects, and Engineers.

29. I invite your earnest consideration of the matters proposed as the subjects of your deliberations, and pray that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, your labours may conduce to the well-being and prosperity of New South Wales.

Mr. Arkins moved, and Mr. Durack seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dunn, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Durack, Mr. McGirr, Mr. George Cann, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at half-past Six o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow at half-past Six o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Esrell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation declaring the following works to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906:—"Erecting dwellings for the use of persons employed on or about a mine " or a lease for mining purposes."

(2.) General Rules Nos. 62 and 63, under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.

(3.) Report of the Department of Mines for 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford 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 Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Public Parks Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

"To His Excellency SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross 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."

And the Question being again proposed,—

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE, 1915.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH IN ACTION OF EDWARD RENNIX LARKIN, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR WILLOUGHBY:—

Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock, as a tribute to the memory of Edward Rennix Larkin, Esquire, Member for Willoughby, whose death in action at the Dardanelles has been reported by cable.

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE, 1915.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—Mr. Nesbitt presented a Petition from certain Electors of Alstonville representing that Petitioners view with alarm the danger to Imperial interests of the prevailing conditions under which intoxicating liquors are sold; and praying that measures may be adopted to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors after Six o'clock, p.m.
Petition received.

2. **FORBES-STOCKINBINGAL RAILWAY** :—Mr. Grimm presented a Petition from certain residents in the town and district of Forbes representing that the first sod of the line was turned at Forbes about the 13th May, 1912; that no work has been done at that end of the line with the exception of the bridge over the Lachlan River; that the line has only been constructed for about half the distance between Forbes and Stockinbinal; that in anticipation of the early completion of the line a large area has been cleared for the plough and cannot be profitably employed for the growing of wheat until the line has been constructed; and praying that the construction of this line may be expedited so that it may be brought to the revenue-earning stage.
Petition received.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—Regulations Nos. 335 to 362, under the Irrigation Act, 1912.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for 1914.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.
 - (3.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
 - (4.) Papers respecting the appointment of Mr. S. Smith-White as Demonstrator, Department of Electrical Engineering and Physics, Sydney Technical College, Department of Public Instruction.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1914-12, 200 acres, Portion 153, parish of Bodangora, county of Lincoln, Land District of Dubbo, applied for by the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, shall cease to be voidable.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting Wheat Acquisition Board.
 - (2.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling price of Butter, Bran, and Pollard (*varying prices previously declared*).
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE** :—Mr. T. S. Crawford, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Second Report during the currency of the Twenty-third Parliament from the Public Accounts Committee; together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to be printed.

22nd June, 1915.

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

(a) £500 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Additions, Repairs, &c., to existing buildings."

(b) £1,000 from Vote, "Stock and Brands—Contingencies," to Vote, "To meet cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies, &c."

(c) £200 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Refund of fees paid for Licenses issued on Certificates granted by Magistrates," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To meet expenses of Necessary Commodities Control Commission."

(d) £500 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Additions, Repairs, &c., to existing buildings."

(e) £200 from Vote, "Appropriation for Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on compensation money," to Vote, "Treasury—Contingencies."

(f) £1,000 from Vote, "Stock and Brands and Pastures Protection—Contingencies," to Vote, "To meet the cost of subsidising Agricultural, &c., Societies, &c."

(g) £100 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Refund of half fines, &c., inflicted under the Deserted Wives and Children Act and Infant Protection Act," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To meet expenses of the Necessary Commodities Control Commission."

(h) £750 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Petty Sessions—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Additions, Repairs, &c., to existing buildings."

(i) £1,000 from Vote, "Agricultural Salaries," to Vote, "To meet cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies, &c., &c."

(j) £250 from Vote, "Public Service Board—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services, Additions, Repairs, &c., to existing Buildings."

(k) £1,000 from Vote, "Registrar-General—Contingencies," to the following Votes, viz. :—£750 to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To meet the legal expenses (with the exception of verdicts in cases against the Crown, and costs in connection therewith) of all Departments of the State in matters placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, or authorised by the Attorney-General or Minister of Justice," and £250 to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To meet expenses of Necessary Commodities Control Commission."

(l) £1,000 from Vote, "Agriculture—Salaries," to Vote, "To meet the cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies, &c."

(m) £150 from Vote, "Agriculture—Contingencies (administering the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act)," to Vote, "Commercial Agents—Contingencies."

(n) £350 from Vote, "Immigration and Tourist Bureau—Salaries," to Vote, "Immigration Department, New South Wales and Victoria (London)—Salaries and Contingencies."

(o) £250 from Vote, "Judges—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—To meet expenses of Necessary Commodities Control Commission."

(p) £100 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services for expenses of Inquiries under Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, No. 23, 1901, and Inquiries under Crimes Act, 1900"; and £100 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Refund of Fees paid for Licenses issued on Certificates granted by Magistrates," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—For Law Revision and Consolidation of Statutes, and additional expenses in connection with drafting of Bills generally."

(q) £250 from Vote, "Court Reporters—Contingencies," to Vote, "Coroners—Contingencies."

(r) £1,000 from Vote, "Petty-Sessions—Contingencies," to Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Additions, repairs, &c., to existing buildings."

(s) £1,500 from Vote, "Colonial Secretary," to the following Votes, viz. :—£750 to Vote, "Incidental, Unforseen, and Petty Expenses," and £750 to Vote, "Maintenance and Transmission of Destitute Persons."

(t) £200 from Vote, "Appropriation for Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money," to Vote, "Treasury—Contingencies."

(u) £10,000 from Vote, "Police," to the following Votes, viz. :—£6,000 to Vote, "Hospitals and other Charitable Services (Colonial Secretary and Minister for Public Health)"; and £4,000 to Vote, "Public Health."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. ACTING CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of William Stewart Mowle, Esquire, who had been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the absence, on leave, of the Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker then administered to Mr. Mowle the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office as Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, respectively.

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22nd June, 1915.

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. Arkins, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

“ To His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of the
 “ Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of New
 “ South Wales and its Dependenciss, 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
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 “ 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.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:—Mr. Harry Morton presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Kempsey, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.

Petition received.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, 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, 1912, I do hereby appoint—

*“William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire,
“Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,
“William Fraser Dunn, Esquire,
“Thomas Simpson Crawford, Esquire,
“John Jacob Cohen, Esquire,*

*Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire,
Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire
Daniel Levy, Esquire, and
Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire,—*

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

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

*“R. D. MEAGHER,
“Speaker.”*

And intimated that if not disapproved by the Assembly upon motion in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, it shall take effect as an appointment of such Committee.

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23rd June, 1915.

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. Arkins, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

“ To His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross 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.

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Ball 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. J. H. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE, 1915.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation No. 304, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

“ To His Excellency SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross 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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“ 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.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 JUNE, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Gurley Siding Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

(2.) Amended By-law of the Walgett Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. D. R. Hall stated that the Premier had arranged that all deferred increments to Public Servants for the present year would be gazetted to-morrow, and the increments paid before the end of the financial year.

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. Arkins, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

" To His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross 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."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1915, A.M.

Mr. Levy 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. Hoyle 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-one minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. McFarlane presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Grafton, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring certain Crown Lands to be Private Lands for the purposes of Part IV of the Mining Act, 1906.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Return showing the surrender and allotment of lands under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, from 21st July, 1914, to 12th March, 1915.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for This Day only.
Question put and passed.

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. Arkins, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catenu, Knight Grand Cross 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."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Thomas Brown 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. PAPER:—Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1914.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Mark F. Merton presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Ulladulla, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Galong to Burrows Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Memorandum respecting agreement with Norton Griffiths and Company prepared by the Premier (The Hon. W. A. Holman).

(3.) Copies of cablegrams from the Agent-General containing the undertakings for the raising of moneys in connection with the agreement made with Norton Griffiths and Company.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—List showing the names of persons from outside the Public Service who have, since 1st January, 1914, been appointed under the Public Service Act, 1902, to positions in the Public Service at salaries of £200 per annum and over; also the reasons for such appointments.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Cullerin and Harden.

(2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic from Flemington to Belmore and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island at Marrickville.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for This Day only.
Question put and passed.

4. 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 Wednesday, 23rd June, 1915, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next following 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 Acting Clerk, in accordance with the 159th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912.

(2.) *Members Sworn:*—William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire, Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, William Fraser Dunn, Esquire, John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, Arthur Roland Gardiner, Esquire, Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, and Daniel Levy, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Acting Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

1st July, 1915.

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. Arkins, That the following Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—
- “ To His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, *Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. 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.”
- And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 JULY, 1915, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Holman 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, at the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street.

6. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
7. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
8. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- (2.) General Notices of Motion and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
Debate ensued
Question put and passed.
10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Wade, Mr. Ball, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, and the Mover, with leave 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Page, Mr. Durack, Mr. Perry, Lieut.-Col. Nicholson, Mr. Latimer, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover, with authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.

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12. **PRINTING COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all Papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the Papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such Papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for Press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such Papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.
- (2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
- (3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
- Question put and passed.
13. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Levy, Mr. M. Abbott, and the Mover, with authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.
- Question put and passed.
14. **STOCK DISEASES (TICK) AMENDMENT BILL**:—
- (1.) Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. Grahame, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only ten Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Arkins, Mr. Boston, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Fern, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. McGarry, Mr. W. Millard, and Mr. Thrower,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at one minute after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 JULY, 1915.

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 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.

2. I desire to offer you my heartfelt condolences in the deaths in battle of your brave colleagues, Lieutenant-Colonel Braund and Sergeant Larkin, who gave their lives whilst fighting for British freedom.

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

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

6th July, 1915.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From the Council of the Municipality of Manilla.
Petition received.
- (2.) By Mr. Henley—From the Council of the Municipality of Burwood.
Petition received.
- At the request of Mr. Perry, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting Clerk.
- (3.) By Mr. Estell—From the Council of the Municipality of New Lambton.
Petition received.
3. THE RABBIT INDUSTRY:—Mr. Dunn presented a Petition from certain rabbit-trappers and others interested in the rabbit industry in New South Wales urging upon the Government the imperative necessity of taking over control of the rabbit industry; representing that Petitioners are now working under many disadvantages; that the prices paid to trappers are not commensurate with the nature of the work entailed and the prices realised in the worlds markets; that workers are compelled to work unreasonably long hours to earn a livelihood; that the prices of other meat products are beyond the reach of many thousands of wage-earners and others; and praying that the matter may receive consideration.
Petition received.
- At the request of Mr. Dunn, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting Clerk.

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4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Drs. G. M. Duncan, C. Henry, and H. L. Stafford as Junior Assistant Medical Officers, on probation, Lunacy Department.

(2.) Amended Regulations, under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the supply of timber for construction of Abattoirs, Homebush Bay.

(2.) Return respecting the supply of railway sleepers to the Public Works Department since 1st July, 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Correspondence with the Prime Minister concerning Commonwealth Loans to the States for expenditure upon Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 1908-201, Portion No. 289, Parish of North Casino, County of Rous, Land District of Casino, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations and Order under Section 10 of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914.

(2.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying Notice of 9th June, 1915, fixing price of Condensed Milk.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Illawarra Railway Deviation (Oxford to Clifton) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Oxford and Clifton; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him; 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.

(2.) Bowenfels to Diwana Railway Deviation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.*Message No. 18.*

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 deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1915.*

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

6. 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,—

James John Morrish, Esquire, and
The Honorable Thomas Waddell,

Members of the Legislative Assembly, who are not Ministers of the Crown, for election and appointment to the vacancies on the Public Accounts Committee constituted under that Act, caused by the appointment of the Honorable George Black, and the Honorable William Calman Grahame, as Ministers of the Crown.

Mr. Speaker stated that it would be his duty to submit the names proposed to the House, and he would do so after the formal business was disposed of on Thursday next.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—Thomas Simpson Crawford, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. PETITION OF THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY :—Mr. Keegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery, received by this Honorable House on the 6th August, 1913, and the circumstances surrounding the payment by him into the New South Wales Treasury of a sum of £1,000 to cover the expenses of the then Premier, Sir George Richard Dibbs, on a mission to Great Britain on the financial business of New South Wales.

(2.)

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(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. David Storey, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Briner, Mr. Colquhoun and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

10. ACCIDENTS THROUGH PASSENGERS ENTERING OR ALIGHTING FROM OFF SIDE OF TRAM-CARS:—Mr. Fingleton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of accidents caused through passengers entering or alighting from the off side of tram-cars for the last five years.

(2.) The number of claims made for compensation as a result of such accidents.

(3.) How many claims were rejected.

(4.) How many claims involved the Department in costs.

(5.) How many claims were settled by the Department, and the amount of costs.

(6.) How many claims were submitted to the Court, and amount of costs.

(7.) How many drivers were punished for that period as a result of such accidents, specifying (a) fines; (b) disratals; (c) dismissals.

Question put and passed.

11. PROMOTIONS IN TRAMWAY SERVICE:—Mr. Fingleton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

The names and length of tramway service of men who have been promoted to the positions of sub-inspectors, acting sub-inspectors, ticket examiners, acting ticket examiners, shed foremen, acting shed foremen, starters, acting starters, from and including 1907, to the present date.

Question put and passed.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Arkins, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Moxham, Captain Toombs, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Colonel Onslow presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Vacluse, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the establishment of a State Forest at Moree.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.
- (4.) Report by the Trade Commissioner to America for the Government of New South Wales respecting the effects of the Panama Canal on the New South Wales trade in coal with the West Coast of South America.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Dr. Grace Vale as Medical Officer, Department of Public Instruction.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, (a) varying the prices fixed for Kerosene, Benzine, Heavy Benzine, Motor Spirit, and Benzoline; (b) varying the prices fixed for Condensed Milk; (c) proclamation ordering returns to be made of stocks of Sugar in the Counties of Cumberland and Northumberland.
- (2.) Report of Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan, Dairy Expert, Department of Agriculture, respecting the grading of Butter for local consumption, read before the Necessary Commodities Control Commission.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. A. G. Stach as Lithographic Draftsman, on probation, Department of Lands.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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3. BINALONG RAILWAY ACCIDENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of passengers (a) killed, and (b) injured in the Binalong railway accident.
 - (2.) Same information with regard to the Exeter and Store Creek mishaps.
 - (3.) What claims for compensation were received; number in each case.
 - (4.) What amounts have been paid in each case, and what have yet to be adjusted.
 - (5.) What damage in each case was done to rolling-stock.
- Question put and passed.

4. TRAM-LINE COLLEGE-STREET TO NEAR WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence relating to the construction of the tram-line along the new street running from College-street to a nook in the Domain, near Woolloomooloo Bay.
- Question put and passed.

5. 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. Holman,—

- (1.) Supply Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,
Sydney, 7th July, 1915.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

By Mr. D. R. Hall,—

- (2.) Wheat Acquisition (Continuation) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 continue the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1915.

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

By Mr. Holman,—

- (3.) Railways Crossings Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the closing of certain level-crossings on the Government Railways, and the substitution thereof of bridges, subways, and other works; to declare certain portions of such bridges, subways, and works to be public thoroughfares; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1915.

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

6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for This Day only.
- Question put and passed.

7. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 and provide for the construction of electric railways in the city of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1913, and certain other Acts.
- Question put and passed.

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8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Deviation of Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton*.—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line, between Otford and Clifton, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Deviation of Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana*.—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That "it is expedient that sections 1 and 2 of the proposed deviation of the "Main Western Railway Line, between Bowenfels and Diwana, as recommended by the Parliamentary "Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out."

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the question of the proposed deviation of the Main Western Railway Line, between Bowenfels and Diwana, be referred back to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration of the desirability of carrying out the work on the butty-gang system," instead thereof.

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

Point of Order.—Mr. Perry asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether the Public Works Committee had power to dictate how any work should be carried out, by butty-gang system, day-labour, or contract, and whether the amendment if carried would be effective.

Mr. Speaker said that the Honorable Member for Gloucester was within his rights in framing an amendment for the reference back of any proposal to the Public Works Committee for further consideration and report. He had very great doubt as to whether it was within the power of the Committee to dictate the policy by which the work should be carried out. It was for the House to say whether the reference would create a deadlock or negative.

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question put and passed.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the following Bills, namely:—

Illawarra Railway Deviation (Otford to Clifton) Bill,
Bowenfels to Diwana Railway Deviation Bill,—

being brought in and passed through all their stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

10. BOWENFELS TO DIWANA RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, 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 deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, 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. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

7th July, 1915.

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 deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Divana ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Railway Commissioner, or by persons authorised by him ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July 1915.*

11. ILLAWARRA RAILWAY DEVIATION (OTFORD TO CLIFTON) BILL :—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him ; 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. Cann, 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 deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him ; 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 deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him ; 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. Cann, 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. Cann, 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. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him ; 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 deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1915.*

12. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers ; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

13. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the hours of work in certain industries and the payment of overtime ; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements ; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed

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14. **WHEAT ACQUISITION (CONTINUATION) BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 continue the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.
Question put and passed.
15. **METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. 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 constitute and provide for a Sydney Metropolitan Area and Council; to provide for the better government of the area, and for the exercise and supply by the council of certain powers and services outside the area; to provide for the alteration or abolition of municipalities and shires within the area; to provide for the council co-operating with the Governments of the Commonwealth and State and with public or private bodies and persons; and for these purposes to repeal certain Acts and to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
16. **VALUATION OF LAND BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. 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 make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
17. **STOCK DISEASES (TICK) AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame 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. Grahame, 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. Grahame, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
18. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
(1.) *Tramway from Burns Bay Road to Figtree Bridge*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Burns Bay Road to Figtree Bridge.
(2.) *Railway from Canowindra to Gregra*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Canowindra to Gregra.
(3.) *Enlarging of the Northern Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan, relating to the proposed enlarging of the Northern Canal, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme.
Ordered to be printed.
19. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until To-morrow.
20. **PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES**:—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prevalence of venereal diseases in this State, their effects upon the health of the community, and the means by which those effects can be alleviated or prevented.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Black, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Thomas, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Colonel Onslow, Mr. McGirr, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 JULY, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the New Yarrowa Bore Water Trust under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Wheat acquired under the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Copies of Cablegrams which passed between the Premier of New South Wales and the Agent-General in London regarding negotiations with Norton Griffiths and Company.

Ordered to be printed.

2. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Grahame, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister.*"

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 Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1915.*

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

(a) £1,000 from Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies," to Vote, "To meet the Legal Expenses" (with the exception of verdicts in cases against the Crown and costs in connection therewith) of "all Departments of the State in matters placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, or authorised by the Attorney-General or Minister of Justice."

(b) £500 from Vote, "Colonial Secretary," £400 from Vote, "To meet payments to the Chief Commissioner for Railways for Railway claims for transmission within and beyond the State of destitute persons and others," £400 from Vote, "Burial of destitute persons," £100 from Vote, "Board of Fire Commissioners—Subsidy," £800 from Vote, "Towards subsidising Medical Practitioners in bush settlements and the establishment of Night Clinics for treatment of specific diseases," £400 from Vote, "Throat and Chest Dispensaries—towards the maintenance and establishment of," £50 from Vote, "Government Subsidy to Ecclesiastical Hospitals—each hospital's share to be apportioned according to a certain allowance for so many free beds, to be disposed of without regard to religious denomination by the Hospital Management," £150 from Vote, "Baby Clinics—towards the maintenance and establishment of," £300 from Vote "Victorian Border Hospitals—bed subsidy," and £400 from Vote, "Aborigines Protection Board," to Vote, "Hospital Subsidy."

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(c) £1,250 from Vote, "To meet cost of Postage and Railway Freight, Stamps, &c.," to the following Votes, namely:—£50 to Vote, "For payment of Officers who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement, £100 to Vote, "To meet payment to legal representatives of deceased Officers of money value of extended leave, &c., and £1,100 to Vote, "Compensation for improvements effected on improvement and other leases."

(d) £500 from Vote, "Agriculture—Salaries," to Vote, "To meet cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies, &c."

(e) £500 from Vote, "Bush Nurses—towards the maintenance and establishment of," to Vote, "Special grants to Hospitals."

(f) £2,250 from Vote, "Registrar-General—Contingencies," to Vote, "Prisons—Contingencies."

(g) £75 from Vote, "Master in Equity—Contingencies," to Vote, "Prothonotary and Registrar in Divorce—Contingencies."

(h) £100 from Vote, "After Care Association," to Vote, "Incidental, Unforeseen, and Petty Expenses, Freight, Insurance, extra Clerical Assistance, Fuel, Light, Postages, Travelling Expenses, Telephones, Hire of Boats, &c., of Department including State Fisheries"; £50 from Vote, "To pay Officers of the Department of the Colonial Secretary who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement," and £50 from Vote, "Aid on condition that an equal amount be raised by private annual contributions, and also that the Government through Police Magistrates or other approved Officers have the right of recommending the admission of patients," to Vote, "Maintenance and Transmission of Destitute Persons within and beyond the State, Charitable Relief, &c."

(i) £2,050 from Vote, "Interest on moneys in temporary possession of the Government," to the following Votes, namely:—£50 to Vote, "Explosives—Contingencies," and £2,000 to Vote, "Gratuities to Officers on retirement."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. 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. Estell,—

- (1.) Eight Hours Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 regulate the hours of work in certain industries and the payment of overtime; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1915.

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

- (2.) Trade Union (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1915.

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

By Mr. J. H. Cann,—

- (3.) City and Suburban Electric Railways Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

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 and provide for the construction of electric railways in the city of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8th July, 1915.

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

5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for This Day only.
Question put and passed.

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6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—ELECTION OF MEMBERS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
- (1.) Question,—That James John Morrish, Esquire, a Member of this House, who is not a Minister of the Crown, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, in the place and stead of the Honorable George Black, who ceased to be a Member of such Committee on his appointment as a Minister of the Crown,—put and passed.
- (2.) Question,—That the Honorable Thomas Waddell, a Member of this House, who is not a Minister of the Crown, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, in the place and stead of the Honorable William Calman Grahame, who ceased to be a Member of such Committee on his appointment as a Minister of the Crown,—put and passed.
7. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 and provide for the construction of electric railways in the city of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
- 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 and provide for the construction of electric railways in the city of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.
- On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction and provide for the construction of electric railways in the City of Sydney and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts*,”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
9. WHEAT ACQUISITION (CONTINUATION) BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 continue the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.
- 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 continue the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.
- On motion of Mr. Hall, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to continue the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914*,”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. VALUATION OF LAND BILL:—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 make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; 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 make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances

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advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 1915.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF JOHN MCFARLANE, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR CLARENCE :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of John McFarlane, Esquire, Member for Clarence, and, that this House do now adjourn.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Scobie—From the Council of the Shire of Waradgery.
- (2.) By Mr. Nesbitt—From the Council of the Shire of Tintenbar.
- (3.) By Mr. Thrower—From the Council of the Shire of Macquarie.
- (4.) By Mr. Grimm—From the Council of the Shire of Jemalong.
- (5.) By Mr. Arkins—From the Council of the Shire of Marthaguy.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford 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 Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference, held at Sydney, May, 1915; together with Appendices.
- (2.) Thirty-seventh General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

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. Hoyle,—

- (1.) Government Railways (Appeals) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

Message No. 25.

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 Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals.

State Government House,

Sydney, 1st July, 1915.

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

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By Mr. Griffith,—

(2.) State Children Relief Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors wounded during the present war, and temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 13th July, 1915.*

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

(3.) Fair Rents Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*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 provide for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 13th July 1915.*

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

(4.) Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*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 amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th July, 1915.*

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

(5.) Greater Sydney Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*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 constitute and provide for a Sydney Metropolitan Area and Council; to provide for the better government of the area, and for the exercise and supply by the Council of certain powers and services outside the area; to provide for the alteration or abolition of municipalities and shires within the area; to provide for the Council co-operating with the Governments of the Commonwealth and State, and with public or private bodies and persons; and for these purposes to repeal certain Acts and to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 17th June, 1915.*

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

(6.) Valuation of Land Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*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 make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 17th June, 1915.*

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

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By Mr. Estell,—

(7.) State Labour Exchanges Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 provide for the establishment, maintenance, and regulation of State Labour Exchanges, and for the licensing of persons keeping private employment agencies; to regulate such persons and agencies; for the protection and assistance of persons seeking employment; to penalise persons who refuse work; to provide for certain returns being made by employers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 12th July, 1915.

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

4. DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further regulate practice in dentistry, and to amend the Dentists Act, 1912,*" forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

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Sydney, 14th July, 1915.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

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

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

5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Holman, proceeding to move (*by consent*) without Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for this Day only,—and objection being taken,—

Mr. Wade, referring to Standing Order No. 28, submitted that the House had been following a procedure quite unnecessary, and that, from the day upon which the House met in a new Session, it was quite competent for the Chairman of Committees appointed in the previous Session to take his seat without further formality, and to act until his successor had been appointed.

Mr. Speaker said that he had looked through the records and decisions, and found the point had not been successfully raised before. The Standing Orders were passed in June, 1894, and the practice had been at the commencement of each Session to place a Notice for the appointment of the Chairman of Committees on the Business Paper. When for any reason that Motion had not been reached, it had been the practice to appoint a Chairman of Committees "for this day only." The last line of the Standing Order had apparently been regarded as a dead letter, as the power of the Chairman has been recognised as having terminated at the beginning of each Session. He did not place that interpretation upon the Standing Order, and ruled that Mr. Thrower was Chairman of Committees until a Motion dealing with the office for the Session had been dealt with.

6. 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 the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Holman 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 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account 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,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,955,600; being £1,602,300 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July, August, and September, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1916, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1915, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1915-16; and £2,020,000 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services (*as set forth in Schedule A*), viz.:—

£1,920,000, for Railways and Tramways—Working expenses;

£100,000 for Local Government—Endowments of Shires and Municipalities, £95,000; Punts and Ferries—To recoup Shires and Municipalities for increased cost of working public ferries due to remission of tolls, £5,000.

£142,600 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes (*as set forth in Schedule B*), viz.:—

£16,500 for Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Health—Hospitals—Metropolitan, Suburban, and Country Hospitals—Grants under the provisions of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906, £5,000; Newcastle Hospital—Additions—further sum, £6,500; Albury Hospital—Towards new building, £3,000; Parramatta Hospital—towards Nurses Quarters and extension of Isolation Block, £2,000;

£7,500 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes;

£13,000 for Secretary for Lands—Miscellaneous Services—Towards the Purchase, Acquisition, or Resumption of sites for Public Parks, Resumption of Foreshores, and other Public Purposes, and expenses in connection therewith, £10,000; for construction of Roads, Water Conservation, and otherwise improving lands for settlement, £3,000;

£46,500 for Minister for Public Works—Bridges, £7,500; Punts, Ferries, and Launches, £7,500; Public Buildings—Police Buildings, £3,000; Additions and Improvements, Caves Houses, £3,000; Hospitals for the Insane, £2,000; Benevolent Asylums, £1,000; Coast Hospital, £5,000; Public Buildings generally, £10,000; Miscellaneous—Toronga Park—Building and Improvements, £3,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works generally, also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled, £4,000; Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Renewal of Water Mains and Sewers, £500;

£50,000 for Public Instruction—Miscellaneous—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Teachers Training College, Technical Education, School and Residence Sites, Additions, Other Buildings, including Head Office, University, Reformatory Buildings, Australian Museum, National Art Gallery, Conservatorium of Music, and Observatory and cost of land;

£7,000 for Local Government—To assist Shires and Municipalities in constructing Public Works;

£2,100 for Agriculture—To provide for afforestation and re-afforestation, assessment, survey, resumption, and improvement of Lands for Forestry purposes, and the establishment of Plant and initiation of the business of Timber conversion as a State enterprise;

£1,190,700 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes (*as set forth in Schedule C*), viz.:—

£75,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port—further sum;

£150,000 for Railways and Tramways—Railways—Towards construction of Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways;

£42,500 for Secretary for Lands—Water Conservation and Irrigation—Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers, £7,500; Miscellaneous Services—For the Purchase of Wire-netting or other Material and Plant for the destruction of Rabbits under Sec. 30 of Act 111 of 1902—further sum £5,000; Advances to Settlers to assist them in tiding over temporary financial difficulties consequent upon the drought, or in other special circumstances, £30,000;

£920,500 for Minister for Public Works—Railway Construction—North Coast Railway—further sum, £130,000; Dunedoo to Coonabarabran—further sum, £48,000; Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba—further sum, £43,000; Forbes to Stockinbingal—further sum, £30,000; Muswellbrook to Merriwa—further sum, £40,000; Wyalong to Cudgellico—further sum, £40,000; Tullamore to Tottenham—further sum, £40,000; Barellan to Mirrool—further sum, £30,000; Glenreagh to Dorrigo—further sum, £40,000; Cooma to Bombala—further sum, £40,000; Dubbo to Werris Creek—further sum, £50,000; Condobolin to Broken Hill—further sum, £70,000; Water Supplies—Hunter District Water Supply Amplification, including Machinery for Pipe-making, £5,000; Harbours and Rivers—Richmond River Improvements, £1,500; Clarence River Improvements, £1,000; Tweed River Improvements, £1,000; Nambucca River Improvements, £1,000; Portable Dredge—Cook's River, £500; Government Dockyard Newcastle Extension—further sum, £40,000; Public Buildings—Central Railway Station, £15,000; Meat Industry and Abattoir Board—New Public Abattoir and other works at Homebush Point, Meat Distributing Depot, Pig and Calf Market, Sale Yards, Meat Export and other Works and Buildings, including Land Resumption and Costs, £50,000;

Miscellaneous—Bridges, £10,000; Advance to meet General Expenses, Commission, and other charges payable under the Agreement with Messrs. Norton Griffiths & Co. in connection with the carrying out of Public Works, to be hereafter adjusted by transfer of payments to the specific Public Works to which the amounts are properly chargeable, £9,500; Purchase of Stores

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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 (Norton Griffiths & Co., Store Advance Account), £25,000; Industrial Undertakings—State Metal Quarries, £10,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes, £110,000; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, £40,000; £2,700 for Agriculture—For the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural Colleges, and Experiment and Demonstration Farms, &c.

On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 1915–1916, the sum of £4,955,600 be granted, viz. :—£3,622,300 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £142,600 out of the Public Works Fund, and £1,190,700 out of the General Loan Account.

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

10. SUPPLY BILL :—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 1915–1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915–1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account 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. Holman, 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. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, passed.

Mr. Holman 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 1915–1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account 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 1915–1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 Crimes Act, 1900, and the Habitual Criminals Act, 1905, and to repeal the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Act, 1910, and the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Amendment Act, 1911; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

12. ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL :—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination.

Question put and passed.

13. STATE LABOUR EXCHANGES BILL :—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment, maintenance, and regulation of State Labour Exchanges, and for the licensing of persons keeping private employment agencies; to regulate such persons and agencies; for the protection and assistance of persons seeking employment; to penalise persons who refuse work; to provide for certain returns being made by employers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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14. SHEARERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS ACCOMMODATION BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Estell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
15. STOCK BRANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Grahame*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stock Act, 1901, to provide for the ear-marking of cattle; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
16. FAIR RENTS BILL:—Mr. 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 for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
17. STATE CHILDREN RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. 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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said Society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors wounded during the present war, and temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901.
Question put and passed.
18. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Irrigation Act, 1912, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
19. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
20. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, 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 imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
21. RURAL TENANTS IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
22. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AGENTS) BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, 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 Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. William Brown—From the Council of the Shire of Wallarobba.

(2.) By Mr. Thomas—From the Council of the Shire of Macintyre.

(3.) By Mr. W. Millard—From the Council of the Shire of Eurobodalla.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Morongle Creek and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law. Petition received.

(3.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from certain taxpayers of Canobolas Shire, representing that no good purpose can be served by the extension of the Franchise in the Local Government Amending Bill; that 2d. in the £ is ample to meet requirements; and praying for consideration when the Local Government Bill is submitted to Parliament. Petition received.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, representing that the members of the congregation unanimously carried a resolution recognising the urgent necessity for the early closing of hotel bars; and praying that measures may be adopted to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors after Six o'clock, p m.,—were presented by Mr. T. S. Crawford:—

(1.) From the Rev. John Ward Harrison, Superintendent Minister of the Tempe Park Methodist Church.

(2.) From the Rev. John Ward Harrison, Superintendent Minister of the Tempe Methodist Church.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulation No. 48, and Additional Form No. 37, under the Closer Settlement Acts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Industrial Awards granted to Railway and Tramway Officers.

(2.) Return respecting increases in Railway Fares and Freights from 1910 to 1914.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.)

15th July, 1915.

- (3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, at Binalong.
 (4.) Further correspondence regarding Gifts from the Oversea Dominions and Colonies.
 (5.) Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the United States Ambassador respecting the treatment of prisoners of war and interned civilians in the United Kingdom and Germany respectively.
 (6.) Reports by the United States Officials on the treatment of British prisoners of war and interned civilians at certain places of detention in Germany.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. 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. Estell,—

- (1.) Shearers and Agricultural Labourers Accommodation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney 9th July, 1915.

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

By Mr. Grahame,—

- (2.) Stock Brands (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 amend the Stock Act, 1901; to provide for the ear-marking of cattle; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8th July, 1915.

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

By Mr. D. R. Hall,—

- (3.) Enemy Contracts Annulment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination.

State Government House,
Sydney, 10th July, 1915.

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

5. MAITLAND HOSPITAL (ISOLATION WARDS) ENABLING 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 enable the committee of the Maitland Hospital to withdraw certain moneys from its fixed deposit account for the purpose of erecting and furnishing isolation wards,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th July, 1915.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

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

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

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Petersham, Mr. Cohen, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The refusal of the Railway Commissioners to allow the Petersham Municipal Council to resume a portion of their land at Lewisham for Municipal purposes."

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

Mr. Cohen moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Bulk-handling of Wheat*):—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme to provide for the bulk-handling of wheat.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL *changed from STATE CHILDREN RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL*:—
- (1.) 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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors wounded during the present war, and temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 JULY, 1915, A.M.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors wounded during the present war, and temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901.

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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors wounded during the present war, and temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination.

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

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

11. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; 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 law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

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

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(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Burgess—From the Council of the Shire of Demondrille.
- (2.) By Mr. Perry—From the Council of the Shire of Byron.
- (3.) By Mr. Perry—From the Council of the Shire of Tweed.
- (4.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From the Council of the Shire of Tamarang.
- (5.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From the Council of the Shire of Woolooma.
- (6.) By Mr. Durack—From the Council of the Shire of Turon.
- (7.) By Mr. Grimam—From the Council of the Shire of Goobang.
- (8.) By Mr. James—From the Council of the Shire of Mulwaree.
- (9.) By Mr. James—From the Council of the Shire of Gunning.
- (10.) By Mr. Arkins—From the Council of the Shire of Gilgandra.

Petitions received.

2. **VACANT SEAT—DEATH OF JOHN MCFARLANE, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR CLARENCE:**—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Deputy Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on 9th July, 1915, of John McFarlane, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence.

(2.) Mr. Holman moved, That the seat of John McFarlane, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said John McFarlane.

Question put and passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:**—Mr. McGarry moved, pursuant to Notice, That Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Thrower made his acknowledgments to the House.

4. **REPRESENTATION OF THE STATES IN THE SENATE:**—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia should be amended to provide for representation of the States in the "Senate" according to the population of each State.

Debate ensued.

Mr. George Cann moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "Senate" the words "and the House of Representatives."

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

Mr. Speaker said that the main question was, that it was expedient that the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia should be amended in regard to the representation of the States in the Senate. The Constitution provided for six members in each State, irrespective of population; the strength of the States in the House of Representatives was dependent upon the Electoral Act. There was a distinction between Statute Law made under the power of the Constitution in the shape of the Electoral Act and the Constitution itself. In his opinion the amendment was irrelevant to the main question, and he must rule it out of order.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

20th July, 1915.

5. VALUATION OF LAND BILL :—Mr. Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on 8th July, 1915, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined ; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgages or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust ; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values ; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act ; 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.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Briner—From the Council of the Shire of Nymboida.
- (2.) By Mr. Briner—From the Council of the Shire of Copmanhurst.
- (3.) By Mr. Cusack—From the Council of the Shire of Hume.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Richards presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Drummoyne, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Deputy Auditor-General on accounts in connection with the Belgian National Relief Fund.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return showing Railways in course of construction.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Goulburn Water Supply.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Fire Station at Bega.

(5.) Amended By-law of the Municipality of Albury, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(6.) Amended By-law of the Municipality of Ballina, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of receipts and payments, Police Superannuation and Reward Fund, during the year ended 30th June, 1915.

(2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury at North Goulburn.

(3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury near Tallong.

(4.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Collected Diplomatic Documents relating to the outbreak of the European War.

(5.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Report of the British Committee on alleged German outrages.

(6.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Appendix to the Report of the British Committee on alleged German outrages.

(7.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Report of the Committee appointed by the President of the Local Government Board upon the provision of employment for sailors and soldiers disabled in the War.

(8.)

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- (8.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Return showing the number of rescues that had been effected from German warships by H.M. vessels and from H.M. vessels by German warships respectively.
 (9.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Memorandum on the Censorship.
 (10.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Memorandum on the Official Press Bureau.
 (11.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Papers relating to the amendment of the British North America Act, 1867.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Order, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, respecting return of stocks of Flour held at midnight on 17th July, 1915.
 (2.) *Gazette* Notices, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, (a) declaring the maximum selling prices, both wholesale and retail, for Sugar; (b) varying the prices declared for Butter.
 (3.) *Gazette* Notices, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, (a) varying Notice of 15th July, 1915, declaring maximum selling prices for Butter; (b) varying Notice of 15th July, 1915, declaring maximum selling prices for Sugar.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business.
4. **ADMINISTRATION OF NECESSARY COMMODITIES CONTROL ACT** :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the manner in which the Necessary Commodities Control Act is being administered is harassing to the producers, discourages agricultural settlement, and tends to increase the cost of living.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Ball moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 24th August.

5. **DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
 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 regulate the manufacture, sale, storage, transit, and export of dairy produce, including margarine, and for prescribing standards for the same; to provide for the testing, blending, mixing, and grading of cream, and the basis of payment for cream; for the grading and branding of butter; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901, and certain other Acts.

State Government House,
 Sydney, 20th July, 1915.

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

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

- (1.) Bowenfels to Diwana Railway Deviation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney 21st July, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
 President.

- (2.) Supply 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 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 21st July, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
 President.

7. **MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 JULY, 1915, A.M.

Mr. Henley moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Griffith, Mr. David Storey, Mr. McGarry, Mr. McGirr, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,	Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGirr,	Mr. Chaffey,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Cohen,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Price,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Dooley,	Captain Toombs,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. James,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fingleton,		Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Boston,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Durack,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Hickey,		Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Hollis,		Mr. Harry Morton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Boston,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Cohen,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Price,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. James,	Mr. Thompson.	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. M. Abbott.	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Arkins.
Mr. W. Millard,		Mr. Griffith,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he would follow the practice of allowing further discussion. He gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Question then,—

(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Griffith, Mr. David Storey, Mr. McGarry, Mr. McGirr, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Boston,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Chaffey,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Cohen,	Colonel Onslow,	Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. James,	Mr. Thompson.	Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Kearsley.	Mr. Gardiner,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. W. Millard,		Mr. Grahame,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he would follow the practice of the House. He gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

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8. **DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL**:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Dairy Industry Bill which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

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

9. **SUPERANNUATION BILL**:—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Superannuation Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—
 “ Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘An Act to provide a State Provident Fund for persons
 “ ‘employed by the State or by certain other bodies, and for the families of such persons; to provide
 “ ‘a system of voluntary saving by such persons; to amend and repeal various Acts, and for
 “ ‘purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,’—forwarded to the Legislative Council for
 “ concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt
 “ with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that] the
 “ said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 22nd July, 1915, A.M.*

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

10. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. 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 amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912.

Question put and passed.

11. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. 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 amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools, and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Two o’clock, a.m., until Four o’clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Cusack—From the Council of the Shire of Culcairn.
- (2.) By Mr. Ball—From the Council of the Shire of Culcairn.
- (3.) By Mr. Ball—From the Council of the Shire of Coreen.
- (4.) By Mr. Ball—From the Council of the Shire of Hume.

Petitions received.

2. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to the Public Works Committee."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Arkins.	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fern,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Durack,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. McGirr.

Nocs, 26.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Ball,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Brimer,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Chaffey.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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22nd July, 1915.

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

The House divided,

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Estell,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Fern,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Henley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hoyle,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Chaffey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. James,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Lt.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Waddell.

Tellers,

Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. William Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
4. MAITLAND HOSPITAL (ISOLATION WARDS) ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, 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. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

Act of South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick—From the Council of the Shire of Boree.
- (2.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From the Council of the Shire of Merriwa.
- (3.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From the Council of the Shire of Guyra.
- (4.) By Mr. Briner—From the Council of the Shire of Orara.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Ball presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Corowa, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Municipality—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Municipal Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.

Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of Revenue received by the Department of Public Works on certain Railways.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Hay Irrigation Scheme.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 22nd day of July, 1915, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Thomas Henry Thrower, 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 Acting-Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand Cross 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, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise Thomas Henry Thrower, 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

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" 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 twenty-second day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the sixth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

" G. STRICKLAND,

" Governor.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" GEORGE BLACK."

4. GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 23rd July, 1915.

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

5. APPLICATION BY MICHAEL DEVITT FOR A MINING LEASE AT THE PEAKS:—Mr. Hunt moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the application for a mining lease at The Peaks, portion 78, parish of The Peaks, county of Westmoreland, by Michael Devitt, under the Mining on Private Lands Act.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Badgery, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Fern, Colonel Onslow, and the Mover.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 10th August.

6. REFERENDUM AS TO ADVISABILITY OF CURTAILING HOURS FOR SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR:—Mr. Carmichael moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take the necessary action "to" obtain the opinion of the people of this State by referendum as to the advisability of curtailing the hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "to" and inserting the words "close all houses for the sale of intoxicating liquor after 6 o'clock, p.m."

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled the amendment out of order as irrelevant.

Debate continued.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Burgess,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Cusack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Keegan,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Richards,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. W. Millard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the Noes had it.

Whereupon,

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Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *negative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Cusack, Mr. Lang, Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Carmichael,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Licut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thomas,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Dunn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. PETITION OF THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY :— Mr. Keegan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 6th July, 1915.
Ordered to be printed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

- (1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Boston—From the Council of the Shire of Mitchell.
- (2.) By Mr. Boston—From the Council of the Shire of Kyeamba.
- (3.) By Mr. Mark F. Morton—From the Council of the Shire of Clyde.
- (4.) By Mr. Edden—From the Council of the Shire of Erina.
- (5.) By Mr. Ball—From the Council of the Shire of Urana.
- (6.) By Mr. Ball—From the Council of the Shire of Wunnamurra.
- (7.) By Mr. W. Millard—From the Council of the Shire of Bibbenluke.
- (8.) By Mr. Chaffey—From the Council of the Shire of Dumaresq.

Petitions received.

- (2.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Fallick—From ratepayers and others of the Municipality of Singleton
- (2.) By Mr. Fallick—From ratepayers and others of the Municipality of Singleton.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Auditor-General, together with Balance-sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account, for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with the State Monier Pipe and Reinforced Concrete Works.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Diplomatic correspondence respecting the European War published by the French Government.
- (2.) Agreement between the Agent-General for New South Wales for and on behalf of the Government of New South Wales and John Norton Griffiths, of London, England, carrying on business as Norton Griffiths and Company, dated 24th April, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MAITLAND HOSPITAL (ISOLATION WARDS) ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Black, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be: "An Act to enable the committee of the Maitland Hospital to withdraw certain moneys from its fixed deposit account for the purpose of erecting and furnishing isolation wards."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

28th July 1915.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the committee of the Maitland Hospital to withdraw certain moneys from its fixed deposit account for the purpose of erecting and furnishing isolation wards,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th July, 1915.

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

(1.) Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1915.

(2.) Bowenfels to Diwana Railway Deviation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a deviation line of the Main Western Railway Line between Bowenfels and Diwana; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1915.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING :—The following Message from His Majesty the King, received through His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Holman and read by Mr. Speaker, Members and Officers of the House rising in their places :—

State Government House, Sydney.

The Governor has the honor to convey the commands of His Majesty the King, received through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the following cablegram, dated London, 27th July, received in Sydney 10.34 a.m. this day :—

"His Majesty commands me to ask you to convey to Legislative Assembly an expression of his sympathy with the House in the loss of two of its Members, Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Braund and Sergeant E. R. Larkin, who met their death as gallant soldiers in the operations at the "Dardanelles."

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

28th July, 1915.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, That His Majesty's gracious Message be taken into consideration on next sitting day.

6. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS 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. Dunn, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday, 11th August.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL :—

(1.) URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Griffith moved, *without* Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider motions for,—

(1.) The rescission of the resolution agreed to by this House on 22nd July, 1915, a.m., referring the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) The restoration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill to the Notice Paper.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower.
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Arkins.
Mr. Griffith,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Richards,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Henley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Chaffey,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Price,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Griffith moved, *without* Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of motions for,—

(1.) The rescission of the resolution, agreed to by this House on 22nd July, 1915, a.m., referring the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) The restoration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill to the Notice Paper.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 JULY, 1915, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thrower.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Griffith,	

Noes, 23.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Colquhoun,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Richards,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING SELECT COMMITTEE:—Mr. Griffith moved, That the resolution agreed to by this House on 22nd July, 1915, a.m., referring the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill to a Select Committee for consideration and report, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Edden,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. David Storey,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Richards,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(4.) RESTORATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY:—Mr. Griffith moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill be restored to the Notice Paper and that the resumption of the Debate, on the motion, "That this Bill be now read a second time," stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs.
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Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Richards,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. STANDING ORDERS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following new Standing Orders, and amendments to and repeal of existing Standing Orders, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report:—

- (1.) That the following new Standing Order stand as Standing Order No. 142A:—

Time Limit of Speeches.

In the House.—No Member shall speak for more than one hour at a time in any debate in the House, except in the debate on the Address in Reply, or on a motion of censure or "No-confidence," or in moving the second reading of a Bill, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour and thirty minutes.

In Committee of the Whole.—In Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than thirty minutes at one time or more than twice on any one question before the Committee: Provided that this rule shall not apply, in Committee—to the debate on the Financial Statement, when any Member may speak for one hour and thirty minutes but once only, except the Minister making the Statement, who may speak in reply,—nor to a Member in charge of a Bill, nor a Minister in charge of the Estimates in Committee of Supply.

Any Member may speak for a longer period or more frequently than is allowed by the preceding rule, with the leave of a majority of the House or Committee as the case may be. The Question whether the Member may be further heard shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.

- (2.) That the following new Standing Order stand as Standing Order No. 247A:—

Title.

247A. The Title of a Bill shall correspond with the Order of Leave and shall present the main purposes of the Bill.

- (3.) That the following new Standing Order stand as Standing Order No. 247B:—

Public Works Bills.

247B. Whenever, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, the House shall have declared that it is expedient that any Public Work shall be carried out, a Notice of Motion for leave to bring in a Bill to carry out such work shall be placed by the Clerk on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day in terms supplied by the Minister in charge.

- (4.) That Standing Order No. 287 be repealed, and the following new Standing Order stand as Standing Order No. 287:—

Assembly will not insist on its privileges in certain cases.

287. With respect to any Bill (except Taxation, Appropriation, and Loan Bills) brought to the Assembly from the Council, or returned by the Council to the Assembly with amendments, whereby any pecuniary penalty, forfeiture, or fee shall be authorised, imposed, appropriated, regulated, or extinguished, the Assembly will not insist on its privileges in the following cases:—

- (1.) When the Bill or amendment does not materially increase the burden of the people, but the object of such pecuniary penalty or forfeiture is to secure the execution of the Act, or the punishment or prevention of offences.
 - (2.) Where such fees are imposed in respect of benefit taken, or service rendered under the Act, and in order to the execution of the Act.
 - (3.) When such Bill shall be a Private Bill.
- (5.) That Standing Order No. 247 be amended by leaving out the words "and considered in a Committee of the Whole House, and agreed to by the House," and by adding the words "Such Message shall be held to cover the consideration of any provision necessary in connection with the proposition, whether in the original proposal or moved by way of amendment, and notwithstanding any variation between the terms of the Message and the title of the Bill, or terms of the resolution."

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(6.) That the following Standing Orders be amended, viz :—

- (a) No. 133, by inserting before the first word "This" the words "Except for the introduction of a Bill."
- (b) No. 134, by inserting before the first word "This" the words "Except for the introduction of a Bill," by inserting the word "or" after the word "Petition," and by leaving out the words "or Bill" after the word "Motion."
- (c) No. 244, by leaving out the word "either" and the words "or by a resolution reported from a Committee of the Whole and adopted by the House specifying its intended title," and adding the words "except Taxation, Temporary Supply, Loan, or Appropriation Bills, which shall be initiated by resolution reported from Committee of Ways and Means, and adopted by the House, upon which a Motion without Notice, specifying the intended title of the Bill, shall be founded."
 "On the Notice of Motion to bring in the Bill being called on, if such is in the name of a Minister of the Crown, the Minister may explain the scope of the proposed Bill, and the debate shall be restricted to the Leader of the Opposition, or a Member acting in his behalf, and to the mover speaking in reply; and if such Notice is in the name of a Private Member, such Member may similarly explain the scope of the proposed Bill, and the debate shall be restricted to a Member of the Ministry, the Leader of the Opposition, or a Member acting in his behalf, and to the mover speaking in reply."
- (d) No. 248, by adding the words "which shall present the main purposes of the Bill, but it shall not be necessary to specify in such Order of Leave every Act which it is proposed to amend; and no Bill shall be held to be out of order in consequence of containing any proposal to amend the existing law, when such amendment is necessary for the purposes of the Bill, or because any secondary, incidental, or subsidiary purpose or effect is not set forth in the title or Order of Leave."
- (e) No. 251, by leaving out the words "on which question the merits of the Bill shall not be debated," and inserting the words "which question shall be decided without amendment or debate."
- (f) No. 256, by adding the words "Provided that Bills solely for the consolidation of the law shall be exempted from the committal stage."
- (g) No. 331, by leaving out the words "and do not affect Trade nor Religion."
- (h) No. 332, by leaving out the words "or which affect Trade or Religion."
- (i) No. 333, by inserting after the words "Whole House" the words "or the Committee of Supply or of Ways and Means" and by leaving out the words "a first time," the words "read a second time" and the words "recommitted to the Committee, or the further consideration thereof postponed."

(7.) That Standing Order No. 246 be repealed.

(8.) That the Committee be empowered to offer suggestions for the improvement and simplification of the procedure in directions other than those hereby referred.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Belmore, Mr. Patrick Joseph Minahan, owing to absence from the State.
 Question put and passed.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 10th August.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday, 10th August*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Fallick—From the Council of the Shire of Patrick Plains.
- (2.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From the Council of the Shire of Muswellbrook.
- (3.) By Mr. Dooley—From the Council of the Shire of Blaxland.
- (4.) By Mr. Nesbitt—From the Council of the Shire of Gundurimba.
- (5.) By Mr. Thomas—From the Council of the Shire of Bannockburn.
- (6.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From the Council of the Shire of Barraba.
- (7.) By Mr. Moxham—From the Council of the Shire of Baulkham Hills.
- (8.) By Mr. Chaffey—From the Council of the Shire of Cockburn.
- (9.) By Mr. James—From the Council of the Shire of Crookwell.
- (10.) By Mr. McGirr—From the Council of the Shire of Murrungal.
- (11.) By Mr. McGirr—From the Council of the Shire of Goodradigbee.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Ball presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Corowa, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Municipality—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Municipal Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.

Petition received.

(3.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying for the reasons set forth that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Dunn—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
- (2.) By Mr. Fingleton—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipality of Gundagai, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 7th July, 1915,—“ Tram-line College-street to near Woolloomooloo “ Bay ”; together with a Petition in reference thereto.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the revenue received by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways from each country line commenced since October, 1910.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 6th July, 1915,—“Promotions in Tramway Service.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order, made on 6th July, 1915,—“Accidents through Passengers entering or alighting from off-side of Tram-cars.”
 - (4.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury by provision of Sidings at Douglas Park.
 - (5.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th June, 1915.
 - (6.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
 - (7.) Report of the Public Trustee for the year ended 30th June, 1915, together with Statements of Receipts and Disbursements, Balance-sheet, and Profit and Loss Account.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SYMPATHY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE HOUSE IN THE DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. G. F. BRAUND AND SERGEANT E. R. LARKIN IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That His Majesty's gracious Message be now read.

And the said Message [*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 20, Wednesday, 28th July, 1915*] was read by the Acting Clerk by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

State Government House, Sydney.

The Governor has the honor to convey the commands of His Majesty the King, received through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the following cablegram, dated London, 27th July, received in Sydney 10.34 a.m. this day :—

“His Majesty commands me to ask you to convey to Legislative Assembly an expression of his sympathy with the House in the loss of two of its Members, Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Braund and Sergeant E. R. Larkin, who met their death as gallant soldiers in the operations at the Dardanelles.”

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

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- (2.) Mr. Holman moved,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to His Majesty's gracious Message.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ball, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Griffith, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Wade, and the Mover.

(3.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to report to this House To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

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

(a) £100 from Vote, “Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice—Contingencies,” and £300 from Vote, “Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Maintenance of Electric Lights, Lifts, Bells, Telephonettes, &c.,” to Vote, “Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services, additions, repairs, &c., to existing buildings.”

(b) £125 from Vote, “Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services—Maintenance of Electric Lights, Lifts, Bells, Telephonettes, &c.,” to Vote, “Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services, Purchase of Law Books, &c., for Courts of Petty Sessions and Department of Attorney-General and Justice.”

(c) £175 from Vote, “Premier's Office—Salaries,” to Vote, “Motor-cars—Expenses of up-keep, &c.”

(d) £475 from Vote, “Expenses of Representation of Government of New South Wales on the West Coast of the United States of America and Canada,” to Vote, “Motor-cars—Expenses of up-keep, &c.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Orange, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The action of the Department in sending workmen to the Duplication Works between Blayney and Orange without making the necessary provision for their accommodation and employment.” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. APPLICATION BY MICHAEL DEVITT FOR A MINING LEASE AT THE PEAKS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hunt,—

“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the application for a mining lease at The Peaks, portion 78, parish of The Peaks, county of Westmoreland, by Michael Devitt, under the Mining on Private Lands Act,

“(2.)

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"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Badgery, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Fern, Colonel Onslow, and the Mover."
 And the Question being again proposed.
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Question put and passed.

7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn*:—Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
8. DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH BEING FOUND IN A COMMON GAMING-HOUSE IN REDFERN:—Mr. Fingleton moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal by the Chief Railway Commissioner of certain tramway employees who were charged with being found in a common gaming-house in Redfern.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Bagnall, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
9. EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN OF INCAPACITATED AND FALLEN SOLDIERS:—Mr. Bagnall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Public Instruction Act should be amended to provide free secondary and technical education for the children of incapacitated and fallen soldiers; also that special additional bursaries and scholarships should be provided both for Secondary and University Courses.
 Question put and passed.
10. RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES—DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY RESOURCES:—Mr. Dunn moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon (a) the various questions affecting rural and agricultural interests; (b) with particular reference to share-farming in its various phases; (c) the effect of recent legislation on primary industries; (d) and the best method to effectively develop our primary resources.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Durack, Mr. Boston, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Thomas Brown, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Grimm moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

- (1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Nesbitt—From the Council of the Shire of Terania.
- (2.) By Mr. Holman—From the Council of the Shire of Narraburra.
- (3.) By Mr. Ashford—From the Council of the Shire of Coolah.
- (4.) By Mr. Ashford—From the Council of the Shire of Coonabarabran.
- (5.) By Mr. Ashford—From the Council of the Shire of Liverpool Plains.
- (6.) By Mr. Holman—From the Council of the Shire of Illabo.
- (7.) By Mr. Holman—From the Council of the Shire of Jindalee.
- (8.) By Mr. McGirr—From the Council of the Shire of Gadara.

Petitions received.

- (2.) Mr. Arkins presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.

Petition received.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Fallick presented a Petition from certain residents of Ellalong, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock; and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—Report on the Fisheries of New South Wales for 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—Telegram from the Minister of Defence respecting use of Randwick Asylum.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, (a) declaring the maximum prices for Fresh Milk and Cheese; (b) varying the prices fixed for Condensed Milk and Flour.

(2.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Chaff and Hay.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales, relative to the issue of railway passes to soldiers concentrated in Melbourne and the lack of official intimation respecting the arrival in Sydney of returned wounded soldiers from Egypt and the Dardanelles, also reference to Trustees' Stock Loan.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES :—

(1.) Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Colonel Onslow be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases," and that Mr. Colquhoun be appointed a Member of such Committee.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases" have leave to make visits of inspection, from time to time, within the State, for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection.

Question put and passed.

5. SYMPATHY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE HOUSE IN THE DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. G. F. BRAUND, V.D., AND SERGEANT E. R. LARKIN IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES :—

(1.) Mr. Holman, as Chairman, brought up the Address prepared by the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to His Majesty's gracious Message.

(2.) Mr. Holman moved, That this House now agrees to the following humble Address to His Majesty the King :—

To His Most Gracious Majesty George V., King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our deep gratitude for Your Majesty's Message of sympathy on the occasion of the loss of two of our Members, Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D., and Sergeant Edward Rennix Larkin, who met their deaths while fighting gallantly in Your Majesty's service at the Dardanelles.

This gracious solicitude for us in our deep sorrow will tend to further strengthen the affection and loyalty entertained for Your Majesty by all classes of Your faithful subjects in the State of New South Wales, and will increase their determination to assist to the utmost in bringing the present calamitous war to a successful issue.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

(3.) Mr. Holman moved, That an address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased at the earliest opportunity to transmit to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the Address in Reply to the gracious Message of Sympathy of His Majesty the King, for presentation to His Majesty.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Holman informed the House that he would take the Governor's instruction as to when it would be convenient for His Excellency to receive the House in order that the Address might be presented to His Excellency, and would inform the House at a later date of what His Excellency desired.

6. DEATH IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE FREDERICK BRAUND AND SERGEANT E. R. LARKIN :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that the following efforts had been made to obtain conclusive evidence of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Braund, V.D., Member for Armidale, and Sergeant E. R. Larkin, Member for Willoughby. On the 14th May, a telegram was despatched to the Department of Defence asking for date of death of Lieutenant-Colonel Braund, which elicited a reply that he was reported killed in action on 8th May. The report of the death of Sergeant Larkin having later come to hand through the newspapers, a letter was addressed to the Defence Department on 23rd June, asking for certificates of death in each case at the earliest possible moment after the receipt of the confirming documents from the front, in order that the necessary Writs might be issued. To this the Defence Department replied on the 6th July, enclosing certified extracts from cables received, that Lieutenant-Colonel Braund and Sergeant Larkin had been killed in action on 8th May and 10th June respectively, but adding that the Department took no responsibility for the accuracy of the reports. In reply to a telegram despatched on Friday last, a telegram had been received from the Defence Department stating that no confirmation of reported death of Lieutenant-Colonel Braund and Sergeant Larkin have been received. It had been usual to rely upon the Registrar-General for certificates of death of Members of this House prior to the issue of a Writ for a new Election,

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Election, but it had been ascertained that that officer was not likely to receive any more conclusive evidence than that which he had already obtained from the Defence Department. In view of the action already taken in replying to the gracious Message of His Majesty the King conveying his expression of sympathy to the House in the loss of two of its Members, and in view also that no contradictory reports had come to hand, he thought he must rely on the inconclusive evidence so far obtained. He therefore suggested that the contemplated resolutions expressive of the regrets of Members of this House and authorising the erection of a permanent memorial to the memory of the deceased gentlemen might be considered; and further that the necessary resolutions declaring vacant the seats for the Electoral Districts of Armidale and Willoughby respectively might now be moved.

(2.) VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) Mr. Holman moved, That the seat of Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D., lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Armidale, hath become, and is now vacant by reason of the death in action of the said Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Holman moved, That the seat of Edward Rennix Larkin, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby, hath become, and is now vacant by reason of the death in action of the said Edward Rennix Larkin, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

(3.) RESOLUTIONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET AND SYMPATHY—ERECTION OF PERMANENT MEMORIAL:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received the following communications:—

Premiers' Conference,
Sydney, 12th May, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the following resolution was adopted unanimously this day by the Premier's Conference assembled at State Parliament House, Sydney, on the motion of the Honorable Sir Alexander Peacock, seconded by the Honorable John Earle, viz.:—

"That a resolution of sympathy be conveyed to the Government and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained by the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Braund, V.D., Member for Armidale, who died on 8th May, as a result of wounds received in the fighting at the Dardanelles."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. A. HOLMAN,
President.

The Honorable

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
&c., &c.

New South Wales.

Premier's Office,

Sydney, 19th July, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that, on 26th ultimo, his Excellency the Governor received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies requesting Sir Gerald Strickland to convey, on behalf of Mr. Bonar Law, his sincere sympathy at the news of the death of Colonel Braund and Sergeant Larkin, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

His Excellency has asked that this Message be conveyed to the Legislative Assembly.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. A. HOLMAN.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

(4.) Mr. Holman moved,—

(1.) That this House places on record its deep regret at the death in action at the Dardanelles of Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D., Member for Armidale, and of Sergeant Edward Rennix Larkin, Member for Willoughby, and its profound appreciation of their patriotic services.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate this House's resolution of regret at the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Braund to Mrs. Braund, together with the sympathy and sorrow of Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, on the loss of her gallant husband.

(3.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate this House's resolution of regret at the death of Sergeant Larkin to Mrs. Larkin, together with the sympathy and sorrow of Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales on the loss of her gallant husband.

(4.) That Mr. Speaker be further authorised to place within this Chamber a fitting memorial to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Braund and Sergeant Larkin.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

11th August, 1915.

7. **MAITLAND HOSPITAL (ISOLATION WARDS) ENABLING BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Committee of the Maitland Hospital to withdraw certain moneys from its fixed deposit account for the purpose of erecting and furnishing isolation wards,*"—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, 10th August, 1915.

8. **ILLAWARRA RAILWAY DEVIATION (OTFORD TO CLIFTON) 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 carrying out of a deviation of the Illawarra Railway Line between Otford and Clifton; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney 11th August, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

9. **MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	

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Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Perry,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.

Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

10. **EIGHT HOURS BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the hours of work in certain industries and the payment of overtime; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the hours of work in certain industries and the payment of overtime; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the hours of work in certain industries and the payment of overtime ; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements ; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

11. SHEARERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS ACCOMMODATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers ; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation ; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers ; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation ; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the accommodation of shearers and agricultural labourers ; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation ; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
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 amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Irrigation Act, 1912, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands ; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands ; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes ; for the protection of survey marks ; 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.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Irrigation Act, 1912, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands ; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands ; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes ; for the protection of survey marks ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Durack, 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 Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Irrigation Act, 1912, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands ; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands ; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes ; for the protection of survey marks ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Irrigation Act, 1912, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands ; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands ; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes ; for the protection of survey marks ; 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.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. William Brown—From the Council of the Shire of Bolwarra.
- (2.) By Mr. William Brown—From the Council of the Shire of Stroud.
- (3.) By Mr. William Brown—From the Council of the Shire of Port Stephens.
- (4.) By Mr. Harry Morton—From the Council of the Shire of Hastings.
- (5.) By Mr. Nesbitt—From the Council of the Shire of Gostwyck.

Petitions received.

2. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC**:—Mr. J. H. Cann presented a Petition from certain Electors of Sturt, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the serious increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors within recent years; that the early closing of liquor bars will promote sobriety and will be in the best interests of hotel employees; and praying that measures may be adopted to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, p.m.
Petition received.

3. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a deep-water Harbour at Port Kembla.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—Report of the Housing Board on Dacey Garden Suburb, Observatory Hill ("The Rocks") Resumed Area, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copy of Bond executed by Norton Griffiths & Co. and their Sureties for the due execution of their Contract.
- (2.) Minute by the Acting Premier, Mr. J. H. Cann, dated 12th August, 1914, regarding State Public Servants called out on Military duty, and Public Officers who may volunteer for service abroad with the Expeditionary Forces.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

Question

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Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Henley,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Hollis,	Tellers,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. David Storey.
Mr. Keegan,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. M. Abbott,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Chaffey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Porry,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Waddell.
Tellers,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Price.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of electric railways in the City of Sydney and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of electric railways in the City of Sydney and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1915.*

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Thomas, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. COMMONWEALTH WAR LOAN (INVESTMENT ENABLING) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* 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 authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth.
Question put and passed.
7. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
8. GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the maintenance, control and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall 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 Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.
Question put and passed.
10. SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.
Question put and passed.

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11. POLICE APPEAL BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force ; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force ; for the above purposes to constitute a board ; to authorise the imposition of fines ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, 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 Weights and Measures Act, 1915 ; to suspend the operation of the said Act ; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed.
Question put and passed.
13. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, 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 prohibit smoking by persons under the age of sixteen years ; to amend the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Act, 1903 ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
14. PUBLIC ROADS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Roads Act, 1902 ; to validate certain notifications purporting to be made under the provisions of that Act ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
15. WINE ADULTERATION AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Grahame, 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 Wine Adulteration Act, 1902.
Question put and passed.
16. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Hoyle, 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 Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at thirty-four minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

- (1.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Harry Morton—From certain residents of Hastings and Macleay Electorate.
 - (2.) By Mr. Black—From certain residents of Namoi Electorate.
 - (3.) By Mr. Nicholson—From certain residents of Wollongong Electorate.
 - (4.) By Mr. Levy—From certain residents of Darlinghurst Electorate.
 - (5.) By Mr. J. H. Cann—From certain residents of Sturt Electorate.
 - (6.) By Mr. Thrower—From certain residents of Macquarie Electorate.
 - (7.) By Mr. D. R. Hall—From certain residents of Enmore Electorate.
 - (8.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain residents of Petersham Electorate.
 - (9.) By Mr. Mercer—From certain residents of Rozelle Electorate.
 - (10.) By Mr. Dunn—From certain residents of Mudgee Electorate.
 - (11.) By Mr. Page—From certain residents of Botany Electorate.
 - (12.) By Mr. Keegan—From certain residents of Glebe Electorate.
 - (13.) By Mr. Holman—From certain residents of Cootamundra Electorate.
 - (14.) By Mr. Hant—From certain residents of Camden Electorate.
 - (15.) By Mr. Estell—From certain residents of Wallsend Electorate.
 - (16.) By Mr. Crane—From certain residents of Gwydir Electorate.
 - (17.) By Mr. Holman—From certain residents of Armidale Electorate.
 - (18.) By Mr. Hoskins—From certain residents of Dulwich Hill Electorate.
 - (19.) By Mr. Holkis—From certain residents of Newtown Electorate.
 - (20.) By Mr. Thomas—From certain residents of Gough Electorate.
 - (21.) By Mr. Edden—From certain residents of Kahibah Electorate.
 - (22.) By Mr. Lee—From certain residents of Tenterfield Electorate.
 - (23.) By Mr. Holman—From certain residents of Willoughby Electorate.
 - (24.) By Mr. Colquhoun, *on behalf of* Colonel Onslow—From certain residents of Bondi Electorate.
 - (25.) By Mr. Hickey—From certain residents of Alexandria Electorate.
 - (26.) By Mr. Richards—From certain residents of Drummoyne Electorate.
 - (27.) By Mr. T. S. Crawford—From certain residents of Marrickville Electorate.
 - (28.) By Mr. Graham—From certain residents of Wickham Electorate.
 - (29.) By Mr. Wade—From certain residents of Gordon Electorate.
 - (30.) By Mr. Osborne—From certain residents of Paddington Electorate.
 - (31.) By Mr. Hoyle—From certain residents of Surry Hills Electorate.
 - (32.) By Mr. Perry—From certain residents of Byron Electorate.
 - (33.) By Mr. Holman—From certain residents of Clarence Electorate.
 - (34.) By Mr. Fingleton—From certain residents of Waverley Electorate.
 - (35.) By Mr. John Storey—From certain residents of Balmain Electorate.
 - (36.) By Mr. W. Millard—From certain residents of Bega Electorate.
 - (37.) By Mr. Boston—From certain residents of Wagga Wagga Electorate.
 - (38.) By Mr. James—From certain residents of Goulburn Electorate.
 - (39.) By Mr. Bagnall—From certain residents of St. George Electorate.

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- (40.) By Mr. Morrish—From certain residents of King Electorate.
 (41.) By Mr. Briner—From certain residents of Raleigh Electorate.
 (42.) By Mr. Cusack—From certain residents of Albury Electorate.
 (43.) By Mr. Scobie—From certain residents of Murray Electorate.
 (44.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick—From certain residents of Orange Electorate.
 (45.) By Dr. Arthur—From certain residents of Middle Harbour Electorate.
 (46.) By Mr. George Cann—From certain residents of Canterbury Electorate.
 (47.) By Mr. Stuart-Robertson—From certain residents of Camperdown Electorate.
 (48.) By Mr. Nesbitt—From certain residents of Lismore Electorate.
 (49.) By Mr. Morrish—From certain residents of Belmore Electorate.
 (50.) By Mr. Colquhoun—From certain residents of Mosman Electorate.
 (51.) By Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Wright—From certain residents of Willyama Electorate.
 (52.) By Mr. Morrish—From certain residents of Phillip Electorate.
 (53.) By Mr. Thomas Brown—From certain residents of Lachlan Electorate.
 (54.) By Mr. Griffith—From certain residents of Annandale Electorate.
 (55.) By Mr. Durack—From certain residents of Bathurst Electorate.
 (56.) By Captain Toombs—From certain residents of Hurstville Electorate.
 (57.) By Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of* Mr. Chaffey—From certain residents of Tamworth Electorate.
 (58.) By Mr. Gardiner—From certain residents of Newcastle Electorate.
- Petitions received.
- (2.) Mr. Nesbitt presented a Petition from certain members of the Church of Christ, at Lismore, representing that the hours for closing hotels should not extend beyond the hours for closing shops; and praying that the Licensing Laws be so altered that the hours of closing for hotels shall be Six o'clock, p.m., from Monday to Friday, and Nine, p.m., on Saturdays.
 Petition received.
- (3.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the serious increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors within recent years; that the early closing of liquor bars will promote sobriety and will be in the best interests of hotel employees; and praying that measures may be adopted to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, p.m.,—were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Dr. Arthur—From certain Electors of New South Wales.
 At the request of Mr. Thomas Brown, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting Clerk.
- (2.) By Mr. George Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Wright—From certain Electors of Willyama.
 Petitions received.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—
- (1.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years,—were presented by the members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
 At the request of Mr. Griffith, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting Clerk.
- (2.) By Mr. Thomas Brown—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
 (3.) By Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of* Mr. Chaffey—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
 Petitions received.
- (2.) Mr. Black presented a Petition from the Council of the Shire of Walgett, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any of such persons after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.
 Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices for Bacon, and varying the retail price fixed for Butter and the wholesale price fixed for Biscuits.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—Report and Minutes of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Dr. J. E. Webb as Medical Officer, Medical Branch, Department of Public Instruction.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- G. STRICKLAND,
 Governor. *Message No. 41.*
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and

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and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umerumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of fire-arms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 11th August, 1915.

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

5. REPRESENTATION OF THE STATES IN THE SENATE:—Mr. Speaker reported that, on the passing of the resolution of 20th July, respecting representation of the States in the Senate, an intimation of such was forwarded to the Honorable the Premier, and a reply, enclosing a letter from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth had been received, which he read as follows:—

New South Wales,
Premier's Office,

Sydney, 12th August, 1915.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter of 21st July, conveying the terms of a resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly respecting the representation of the States in the Senate, I have the honor, by direction of the Premier, to enclose herewith a copy of a communication which he has received from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth in reply to the letter on this subject, which was addressed to Mr. Fisher.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) E. B. HARKNESS,

Secretary.

The Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Prime Minister,

Melbourne, 30th July, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, embodying a resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of your State on the 20th idem, in connection with the representation of the States of the Commonwealth in the Senate. In reply I desire to assure you that the matter will receive the full consideration which its importance merits. At the same time I must express some apprehension as to the wisdom of passing such resolutions in the Parliaments of Australia, as they seem at best to reflect their opinions of each other.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) ANDREW FISHER.

The Honorable the Premier of New South Wales, Sydney.

6. CASE OF DENIS MCGUIRE:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*):—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Denis McGuire, ganger in the employ of the Chief Commissioner for Railways;

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Cusack, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Page, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Moxham, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. EARLIER CLOSING OF LIQUOR BARS:—Mr. Thomas Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House, in consequence of the moral and social ills arising in the evenings through the sale of intoxicating liquors, it is of great importance that bars should be shut at a much earlier hour than the law at present enacts.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 7th September.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day,—“Rural and Agricultural Industries—Development of Primary Resources; resumption of the adjourned Debate,” on motion of Mr. Dunn,—

“ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon (a) the various questions affecting rural and agricultural interests; (b) with particular reference to share-farming in its various phases; (c) the effect of recent legislation on primary industries; (d) and the best method to effectively develop our primary resources.

“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Durack, Mr. Boston, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Thomas Brown, and the Mover”;—postponed (*by consent*), until Tuesday next.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—

- (1.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. James, *on behalf of* Mr. Grimm—From certain residents of Ashburnham Electorate.
- (2.) By Mr. McGarry—From certain residents of Murrumbidgee Electorate.
- (3.) By Mr. McGowen—From certain residents of Redfern Electorate.
- (4.) By Mr. Robson—From certain residents of Ashfield Electorate.
- (5.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From certain residents of Upper Hunter Electorate.
- (6.) By Mr. Henley—From certain residents of Burwood Electorate.
- (7.) By Mr. Cochran—From certain residents of Darling Harbour Electorate.
- (8.) By Mr. Latimer—From certain residents of Woollahra Electorate.
- (9.) By Mr. Arkins—From certain residents of Castlereagh Electorate.
- (10.) By Mr. Fern—From certain residents of Cobar Electorate.
- (11.) By Mr. Ashford—From certain residents of Liverpool Plains Electorate.
- (12.) By Mr. Fallick—From certain residents of Singleton Electorate.
- (13.) By Mr. Kearsley—From certain residents of Cessnock Electorate.
- (14.) By Mr. William Brown—From certain residents of Durham Electorate.
- (15.) By Mr. Moxham—From certain residents of Parramatta Electorate.
- (16.) By Mr. Mark F. Morton—From certain residents of Allowrie Electorate.
- (17.) By Mr. Lang—From certain residents of Granville Electorate.

Petitions received.

- (2.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the serious increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors within recent years; that the early closing of liquor bars will promote sobriety and will be in the best interests of hotel employees; and praying that measures may be adopted to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, p.m.,—were presented by Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Henley—From J. Dempsey, Minister, and Robert W. Hardie, Secretary, of the Burwood Congregational Church.
- (2.) By Dr. Arthur—From certain electors of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—

- (1.) Mr. Briner presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Ulmarra, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Municipality—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Municipal Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.

Petition received.

- (2.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months'

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months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Crane—From the Council of the Shire of Yallaro.

(2.) By Mr. Fern—From the Council of the Shire of Bogan.

Petitions received.

3. **MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL**:—Mr. Harry Morton presented a Petition from certain members of the Macleay Ladies' Benevolent and Relief Society, representing that the provisions of the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill amount to a confiscation of property held in trust for a specific object; that residents of the State would feel that subscriptions to charitable institutions generally would never be safe, and subscriptions would be withheld, and the interests of such institutions imperilled; and praying that the Bill be discharged from the Business Paper.
- Petition received.

4. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with the Hospitals for Insane generally—Farm and Garden Account.

(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with the Department of Public Health—Farm Account.

(3.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with Labour Farms Account.

(4.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Farms—Farm Account.

(5.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with Tourist Resorts—Working Account.

(6.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with the Aborigines Protection Board—Produce and Sale Store Account.

(7.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st January to 30th June, 1915, in connection with Wheat Areas Establishment Store Account—Woodlands Farm.

(8.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 5th May to 30th June, 1915, in connection with the Erskineville Bootmaking School.

(9.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, near Newbridge.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Honorable Alfred Deakin regarding Australian representation at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915.

(2.) Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the United States Government respecting the rights of belligerents.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notice of intention to declare that Auction Purchase, allotment 6, section 5, Village of Harwill, purchased by James McSwan, 5th February, 1913, shall cease to be voidable.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Drainage Purposes at Hurstville.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **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. Griffith,—

- (1.) Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools, and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 29th July, 1915.

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

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By Mr. Black,—

(2.) Police Appeal Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney 22nd June, 1915.

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

(3.) Police Superannuation (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906, with respect to the gratuities payable on the death of members of the police force.

State Government House,
Sydney, 28th July 1915.

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

6. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) 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 Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th August, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

STOCK DISEASES (TICK) AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th August, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 3. Omit subsection I, insert "Inspector" means the Chief Inspector and "any other inspector of cattle or sheep and includes any person authorised by the Minister to act as such inspector."

Page 2, clause 2, subclause 3A, line 9. Omit "appoint" insert "authorise."
Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

7. COMMONWEALTH WAR LOAN (INVESTMENT ENABLING) BILL—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Holman 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 authorise Trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth," through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth.

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 trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth.

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

(3.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth"—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. Holman, 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. Holman, 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. Holman, *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth.*"

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 trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th August, 1915.

8. WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

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 Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.

State Government House,

Sydney, 13th August, 1915.

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

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.

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 Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, 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. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE—(*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 79 be amended by the addition of the following words:—"Provided that on days on which it is appointed that Government Business shall have precedence, no Question shall be asked after the lapse of thirty minutes from Mr. Speaker 'taking the Chair.'"

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hickey moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "taking the Chair" and inserting the words "calling on Notices of Motions and Questions," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 79 be amended by the addition of the following words:—"Provided that on days on which it is appointed that Government Business shall have precedence, no Question shall be asked after the lapse of thirty minutes from Mr. Speaker calling on Notices of Motions and Questions."

(2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval,—put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Durack.
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	

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Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Moxham,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Crane,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Boston.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. VALUATION OF LAND BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

12. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Griffith moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Valuation of Land Bill was brought in be now read.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No. 12, of Thursday, 8th July, 1915, Entry 10) read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of redemption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; 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.

13. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. David Storey—From certain residents of Randwick Electorate.
 - (2.) By Mr. Boston, *on behalf of* Mr. Burgess—From certain residents of Burrangong Electorate.
 - (3.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain residents of Lyndhurst Electorate.
 - (4.) By Mr. Thompson—From certain residents of Ryde Electorate.
 - (5.) By Mr. Ball—From certain residents of Corowa Electorate.
 - (6.) By Mr. Price—From certain residents of Gloucester Electorate.
- Petitions received.

2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:**—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. McGarry—From the Council of the Shire of Carrathool.
- (2.) By Mr. Gus. Miller—From the Council of the Shire of Dalgety.
- (3.) By Mr. Gus. Miller—From the Council of the Shire of Yarrawlumba.

(2.) The following Petitions, representing that the Councils view with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner,—were presented by Mr. Hoskins from the Councils of the following Shires and Municipalities, viz.:—Aberdeen, Alexandria, Annandale, Armidale, Ashfield, Ballina, Balranald, Bankstown, Barraba, Bathurst, Bega, Berry, Bexley, Blayney, Bingara, Bombala, Blue Mountains Shire, Bourke, Bowral, Braidwood, Broughton Vale, Bulli Shire, Burrowa, Cabramatta and Canley Vale, Campbelltown, Camden, Carrington, Casino, Concord, Condrobin, Cooma, Coonamble, Coraki, Corowa, Cowra, Cudgong, Darlington, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Dungog, Dundas, Eastwood, Enfield, Ermington and Rydalmere, Gerringong, Glebe, Glen Innes, Goulburn, South Grafton, Granville, Gulgong, Greta, Gunnedah, Hamilton, Hay, Hillston, Homebush, Hunter's Hill, Hurstville, Central Illawarra, Ingleburn, Inverell, Jamberoo, Junee, Katoomba, Kiama, Kogarah, Lane Cove, Ku-ring-gai Shire, Lidcombe, Lismore, Liverpool, Maclean, East Maitland, West Maitland, Mandowah Shire, Manly, Marrickville, Mascot, Merewether, Molong, Morpeth, Mosman, Moss Vale, Mudgee, Mullumbimby, Murrumburrah, Murwillumbah, Muswellbrook, Narrabri, West Narrabri, Narrandera, Newcastle, Newtown, North Sydney, Nowra, Nyngan, Orange, Parramatta, Penrith, Pet-rsham, Picton, Prospect and Sherwood, Queanbeyan, Quirindi, Rockdale, Ryde, Scone, Shellharbour, Singleton, St. Mary's, Smithfield and Fairfield, St. Peters, Stockton, Strathfield, Sutherland Shire, Tamworth, Taree, Temora, Tenterfield, Tumut, Uralla, Vancluse, Wagga Wagga, Walcha, Wallendbeen, Waratah, Waterloo, Waverley, Wellington, Wickham, Wilcannia, Willoughby, Windsor, Wingham, Wollondilly Shire, Woollahra, Wyalong, Yass, Young.

Mr. Hoskins then moved, That the Petitions be received.
Question put.

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bagnall,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Lang,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Richards.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Mark F. Norton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table.—Site plan of Dacey Garden Suburb, showing cottages already built and occupied, and new arrangement of streets, also plans of cottages and photographs. (*In supplementation of the Report of the Housing Board, laid upon the Table on the 12th August, 1915.*) Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices, under the Necessary Commodities Act, 1914, (a) declaring the maximum selling price of Australian Jams; (b) varying Notice of 27th July, 1915, fixing prices for Chaff and Hay by the omission of all reference to Lucerne Chaff and Lucerne Hay.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th August, 1915.

5. ILLAWARRA RAILWAY DEVIATION (OTFORD TO CLIFTON) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 46.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a deviation of the Illawarra Line between Otford and Clifton; to provide for the use of the said line by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, or by persons authorised by him; 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, 18th August, 1915.

6. JUNEE WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. J. H. Cann, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply of the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. CONTRACTS REVISION BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the rectification, revision, or annulling of certain contracts.

Question put and passed.

8. BIRDS AND ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the protection of certain animals and birds; to repeal the Birds Protection Act, 1901, and the Native Animals Protection Act, 1903; to amend certain other Acts; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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9. POLICE SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, 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 Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906, with respect to the gratuities payable on the death of members of the police force.
Question put and passed.
10. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.
Question put and passed.
11. STATE COAL MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, 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 State Coal Mines Act, 1912.
Question put and passed.
12. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen, referring to the terms of the Message from the Governor, pointed out that as the result of an amendment leaving out the words "wounded during the "present war," thus providing for a hospital home for all Australian soldiers and sailors, the scope of the Bill was now far wider than was contemplated by such Message. At the Bill now stood, it might be open to the sailors of any merchantman to secure admission to the Home. He had searched the records, and submitted that there had been no previous occasion on which a scope so greatly widened had been given to a measure. The Constitution provided that it shall not be lawful to pass a vote unless it had been recommended by a Message from the Governor, and if it were open to the Government to do so, as it had done in this case, the provision in the Constitution Act would cease to have effect.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that whether the present was too late a stage to take the point he was not at all clear. He quoted from "May," 10th edition, page 440, respecting objections to the form of Bills. As to whether the House had already, by the adoption of the report, cured the irregularity to some extent was a matter upon which he was not expressing an opinion at this stage. He differentiated between the illustration given in connection with the Wheat Acquisition Bill, in which it was first proposed to vary, and later to cancel contracts, an entirely different and new proposition, which, in his opinion, required a fresh Message, and the present case—where the object was not changed, but, perhaps, slightly widened—he did not place the same value on the difference in wording as upon the difference in regard to the Wheat Acquisition Bill, neither could he see the analogy between the two cases. There had not been any great infraction of the 46th section of the Constitution Act.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Edden,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Neshitt,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Moxham,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said Society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered

19th August, 1915.

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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th August, 1915.*

13. COMMONWEALTH WAR LOAN (INVESTMENT ENABLING) 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 authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th August, 1915.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

COMMONWEALTH WAR LOAN (INVESTMENT ENABLING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th August, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *After "Bills" insert "or Bonds"*
Page 1, clause 2, line 8. *After "Any" insert "Inscribed"*
Page 1, clause 2, line 8. *After "Bills" insert "or Bonds"*
Page 1, clause 2, line 14. *After "Bills" insert "or Bonds"*

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th August, 1915.*

14. FAIR RENTS BILL :—

(1.) 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 provide for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; 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.

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; 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.

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15. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Waddell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
16. SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1915, A.M.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

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

- (2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Seobie—From the Council of the Shire of Wakool.
- (2.) By Mr. Wade—From the Council of the Shire of Ku-ring-gai.
- (3.) By Mr. Waddell—From the Council of the Shire of Abercrombie.
- (4.) By Mr. Waddell—From the Council of the Shire of Lyndhurst.
- (5.) By Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of Mr. Chaffey*—From the Council of the Shire of Nundle.
- (6.) By Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of Mr. Chaffey*—From the Council of the Shire of Apsley.
- (7.) By Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of Mr. Chaffey*—From the Council of the Shire of Peel.
- (8.) By Mr. Cusack—From the Council of the Shire of Tumbarumba.
- (9.) By Mr. Cusack—From the Council of the Shire of Germanton.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Thomas presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.

Petition received.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From certain residents of Bingara Electorate.
- (2.) By Mr. Dooley—From certain residents of Hartley Electorate.
- (3.) By Mr. McGirr—From certain residents of Yass Electorate.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report by the Deputy Auditor-General, together with Balance-sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account in connection with Maroubra Sandstone Quarry for year ended 30th June, 1915.

(2.) Report by the Deputy Auditor-General on the State Monier Pipe and Reinforced Concrete Works for year ended 30th June, 1915. (*To be attached to Paper laid upon the Table on 28th July, 1915*)

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle, Railway.

(4.) Minute of Public Service Board recommending appointment of Mr. A. J. D. Forster as Designing Engineer, Department of Public Works.

(5.) Report on the proposed Electric Railways for the City of Sydney, by Mr. J. J. C. Bradfield, M.E., M. Inst. C.E., Chief Engineer, Metropolitan Railway Construction.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—Report of the Treasury Fire Insurance Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

24th August, 1915.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the maximum selling prices of Chick-wheat.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—Return, under the Liquor Act, 1912, showing details of the voting at the Local Option Poll taken on 6th December, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(2.) Return respecting candidates at Intermediate Examinations, held in 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CLARENCE—*Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 20th July, 1915, declaring the seat of John McFarlane, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. McFarlane; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate indorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of William Arthur Zuill, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence.

5. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Estell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 20th August, 1915.*

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

6. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NECESSARY COMMODITIES CONTROL ACT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That, in the opinion of this House, the manner in which the Necessary Commodities Control Act is being administered is harrassing to the producers, discourages agricultural settlement, and tends to increase the cost of living,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 7th September.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Nine o'clock; until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1915.

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

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (*Amended Standing Order*):—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had presented to His Excellency the Governor the amended Standing Order No. 79, adopted by the House on the 18th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years,—were presented by the members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Cochran—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Cochran—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

(2.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Fallick—From the Council of the Shire of Cessnock.

(2.) By Mr. Thomas Brown—From the Council of the Shire of Lachlan.

(3.) By Mr. Crane—From the Council of the Shire of Ashford.

Petitions received.

(3.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Morongle Creek and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law. Petition received.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Moxham, on behalf of Mr. Badgery, presented a Petition from certain residents of the Wollondilly Electorate, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered.

Petition received.

4.

25th August, 1915.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Third Supplement of the *London Gazette* of 2nd July, 1915, containing the Report of the General commanding the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on the operations in the Gallipoli Peninsula up to and including 5th May.

(2.) Report of the Deputy Auditor-General, together with Balance-sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account, in connection with the State Brickworks, Homebush Bay, for year ended 30th June, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Butter, and Bran and Pollard.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. APPLICATION BY MICHAEL DEVITT FOR A MINING LEASE AT THE PEAKS:—Mr. Hunt (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Colonel Onslow and Mr. Fern be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on "Application by Michael Devitt for a Mining Lease at The Peaks," and that Mr. Morrish and Mr. Nesbitt be appointed Members of such Committee.
Question put and passed.

6. STATE COAL MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Estell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

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 State Coal Mines Act, 1913.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1915.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The necessity of further limiting the freedom of action of persons of German extraction."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

8. STOCK DISEASES (TICK) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, 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. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Grahame, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister."

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Sydney, 25th August, 1915, A.M.

9. NECESSARY COMMODITIES CONTROL ACT—ARTICLES DECLARED THEREUNDER:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*) That, pursuant to section 2*(e) of the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, this House declares pigs to be a necessary commodity.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cusack, †	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Fern,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	

Noes, 17.

Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Craue,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. James,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Waddell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Richards.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.]

W. S. MOWLE,
*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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No. 29.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1915.

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

DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH BEING FOUND IN A COMMON GAMING HOUSE IN REDFERN:—Mr. Fingleton presented a Petition from Alfred Charles Warton, of Sydney, representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into and report upon the dismissal of certain tramway employes charged with being found in a common gaming-house in Redfern; and praying to be granted permission to appear in person, by Solicitor or Counsel, before such Committee, with right to adduce evidence, and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Ball presented a Petition from the Council of the Shire of Lockhart, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.

Petition received.

3. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL (GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION) 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 increased Government representation on the Board of Directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital; to amend the Prince Alfred Hospital Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1915.

FRED FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a first time.

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

4. FAIR RENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Price, referring to the provisions of Clause 3, submitted that as there was no power under the Constitution Act to bind the Crown, the Bill was out of order.

Mr. Speaker said that during the last sixty years Statutes had been passed by this House in which the Crown had been held amenable to the law. He ruled the Bill in order.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 20.
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hullis,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. William Brown,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gas. Miller,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. James,
Mr. Elden,	Mr. Wright.	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fingleton,		Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Lang.	Mr. Richards,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Thomas, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon*,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. STATE COAL MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, 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 State Coal Mines Act, 1912.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 State Coal Mines Act, 1912.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the State Coal Mines Act, 1912*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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8 INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1912—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Mr. Estell 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 resolutions :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section sixteen (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912 there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and as further extended on the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follow :—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
under-pressers,	After the word "pressers," in the Clothing Trades group of industries.
and buckram and other head-gear workers,	After the words "felt and straw hat makers," in the Clothing Trades group of industries.
hair workers,	After the word "wig-makers," in the Domestic group of industries.
and all persons delivering bread,	After the word "bread-carters," in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
assistants and pastry packers,	After the word "pastrycooks," in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
workers engaged in the manufacture, assembling, or repair of new and second-hand furniture, including chairs, couches, and other wood articles for sitting accommodation, fittings, show-cases, wood mantelpieces, sewing machines, pianofortes, pianoplayers, gramophones, and organs, and in wood-turning (other than in sawmills and in the coachmaking industry), but excepting wood machinists; workers engaged in wood-finishing (bespoke polishing); workers engaged in upholstering, in the planning, measuring, fixing, and sewing of floor-coverings, in the cutting of loose covers (other than in the coachmaking industry) and of furnishing drapery; and in the manufacture or preparation of material for, or repair of, cushions, mattresses (other than wire), quilts, and similar goods;	After the words "sawyers wherever employed;" in the Furniture Trades group of industries.
oxy-acetylene welders, electric welders, sheet metal workers;	After the words "iron and ship-building trades;" in the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group of industries.
jumpers, pick, shovel, axe and moyle men, scabblers, spawlers, nappers, fencers, grubbers and cleaners; employees of Trustees of Commons, and of contractors with municipal and shire councils;	After the words "surveyors' labourers;" in the Labourers' group of industries.
mackintosh makers, oilskin makers, animal-rug makers, camp-bed makers, quilt makers, umbrella makers, and flag makers; persons employed in the manufacture of varnishes, lacquers, and stains;	After the words "canvas makers;" in the Manufacturing (No. 1) group of industries.
persons, including machinists, making and covering boxes, cartons, packets, containers, shelf, stock, or fixture receptacles out of wood, cardboard, pasteboard, straw-board, leather-board, manilla paper, or two or more of such materials in combination or with any similar material; persons, including machinists, preparing material for and making playing, picture, or other cards;	After the words "sugar cane;" in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
and employees engaged in the reception, sale, or delivery of goods,	After the words "Office assistants in shops," in the Professional and Shopworkers group of industries.
; vaudeville artists, employees in public and private dispensaries, and clerks.	After the words "Theatrical employees" in the Professional and Shop Workers group of industries.
, gate-keepers	After the word "caretakers" where secondly occurring in the Miscellaneous group of industries.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1915.

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

MEMBER SWORN :—William Arthur Zuill, Esquire, was introduced, and, 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 Clarence.

2. ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF FRANCIS ARTHUR BADGERY, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR WOLLONDILLY :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of Francis Arthur Badgery, Esquire, Member for Wollondilly, and, that this House do now adjourn.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put, and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Thrower—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

(3.) By Mr. Burgess—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

(2.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Seobie—From the Council of the Shire of Murray.

(2.) By Mr. McGarry—From the Council of the Shire of Coolamon.

Petitions received.

(3.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Merongla Creek and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law. Petition received.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Nesbitt presented a Petition from the Pride of Clunes Lodge, Clunes, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the serious increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors within recent years; that the early closing of liquor bars will promote sobriety and improve the moral, physical and economic welfare of the people; and praying that measures may be adopted to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, p.m.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—Schedule of Works, and their estimated cost, proposed to be carried out by the Norton Griffiths Company.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Meroe Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notice, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum wholesale selling prices of Pork.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
 - (2.) Papers respecting certain employees of the Lands Department said to be of German nationality, and circular regarding conversations with same.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. ALLEGED ANTI-RECRUITING SPEECH BY AN HONORABLE MEMBER:—Mr. Speaker, referring to a question asked him by the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hollis, on 26th August, said he had looked into the question, and was of opinion that he could not personally expunge any matter from the records of the House.

Mr. Hoskins (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Question No. 12, and Answer thereto, relative to the Honorable Member for Castlereagh, James Guy Dalley Arkins, Esquire, be expunged from Questions and Answers No. 22, of Thursday, 12th August, 1915.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked if this motion could be put even with concurrence—whether the proper course was not to give notice in the ordinary way.

Mr. Speaker ruled that this motion could be put directly to the House with concurrence.

Question put and passed.

5. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Estell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the regulation of the days and hours of work in bake-houses; to amend the Bread Act, 1901, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 26th August, 1915.

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

6. NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL 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 incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Newcastle Hospital; to provide for the disposal of unclaimed moneys of patients who die in that hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chambers,
Sydney, 1st September, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

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

7. COMMONWEALTH WAR LOAN (INVESTMENT ENABLING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock and Treasury Bills or Bonds issued under the War Loan Act (No. 1), 1915, of the Commonwealth,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 27th August, 1915.

8. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council, having appointed a Select Committee on the "Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, and a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st September, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for The Honorable Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, and a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

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9. **TRIBUTE TO COLONEL J. W. M. ONSLOW, MEMBER FOR BONDI, C. S. FERN, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR COBAR, AND F. A. CHAFFEY, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH** :—Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That Mr. Speaker do convey to Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow, Member for Bondi, to Charles Stuart Fern, Esquire, Member for Cobar, and to Frank Augustus Chaffey, Esquire, Member for Tamworth, the recognition by this House of their patriotic action in joining the Australian Imperial Force to assist the Empire in the present calamitous war. The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—
Question put and passed unanimously.
Mr. Speaker addressed the House, and conveyed the resolution to Charles Stuart Fern, Esquire, and Francis Augustus Chaffey, Esquire, and intimated that he would convey a suitable note to Mrs. Onslow.
Mr. Fern and Mr. Chaffey made their acknowledgments.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—Mr. Holman moved, That all remaining Government Business, General Order of the Day, and Notices of Motions Nos. 1, 2, and 3, be postponed to follow Notice of Motion No. 4 of General Business.
Question put and passed.
11. **VOTE OF CENSURE—AGREEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH JOHN NORTON GRIFFITHS** :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion that the agreement entered into by the Government with John Norton Griffiths for the financing and construction of certain public works is unsatisfactory and fraught with danger to the best interests of this State.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Robson,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Crane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Chaffey,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Price,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Briuer,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. B. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Garliner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Hickey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

EARLIER CLOSING OF LIQUOR BARS:—Mr. Robson presented a Petition from certain Electors of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners have learned of the intention of the Government to forthwith take up all the time of the House with Government Business exclusively, and they fear that such action will prevent the discussion of a motion by the Honorable Thomas Brown in support of the earlier closing of liquor bars; and praying the House not to take any action which will prevent the full consideration of the question.
Petition received.

2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:**—

(1.) Mr. Burgess presented a Petition from the Council of the Shire of Burrangong, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.
Petition received.

(2.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. W. Millard—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. Durack—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

(3.) By Mr. Durack—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

(4.) By Mr. Durack—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

3. **LIQUOR TRAFFIC:**—Mr. Carmichael presented a Petition from certain residents of the Leichhardt Electorate, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered.
Petition received.

4. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Ungarie South Estate, on the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico authorised Railway.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Gorman's Hill West Estate, on the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico authorised Railway.

(3.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Bygones Estate, on the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico authorised Railway.

(4.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Forest Vale Estate on the Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico authorised Railway.

Ordered to be printed

2nd September, 1915.

5. **MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council, having appointed a Select Committee on the "Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine Thomas Henley, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd September, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That Thomas Henley, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for Thomas Henley, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd September, 1915.*

6. **METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.

7. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** :—

(1.) *Railway from Regent's Park to Cabramatta* :—Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 Regent's Park to Cabramatta.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral* :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 system of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Picton Lakes to Yerranderie* :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Picton Lakes to Yerranderie.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *System of Sewerage, with Ocean Outfall, for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney* :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 system of Sewerage, with ocean outfall, for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Railway from Molong to Dubbo* :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Molong to Dubbo.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. **GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL** :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; 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.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—which was read a first time.

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

9. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—which was read a first time.

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

10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—GORMAN'S HILL WEST, BYGALORE, FOREST VALE, UNGARIE SOUTH:—

Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreements with the owners, the private lands, situated on the authorised railway from Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico, comprised in the estates particularised, and at the prices indicated in the Schedule hereunder:—

SCHEDULE.

Estate.	Owner.	Area (more or less).			Price per acre on a freehold basis.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Gorman's Hill West	Arthur King Trethowan	3,980	0	0	2	2	6
Bygalore	Michael and Andrew Bolger	19,119	2	11	2	11	0
Forest Vale	Matthew Sawyer, junior	20,642	0	0	2	15	0
Ungarie South	Executors of late Patrick Heffernan	11,721	0	0	2	17	6

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

12. WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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13. CONTRACTS REVISION BILL :—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the rectification, revision, or annulling of certain contracts.

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

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the rectification, revision, or annulling of certain contracts. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the rectification, revision, or annulling of certain contracts.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the rectification, revision, or annulling of certain contracts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

SYMPATHY WITH THE HONORABLE J. S. T. MCGOWEN, M.L.A., AND H. W. LANE, ESQUIRE, M.L.A.:—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of the Government and Members of the House, expressed the deepest sympathy with the Member for Redfern, the Honorable J. S. T. McGowen, and the newly elected Member for Armidale, H. W. Lane, Esquire, in the loss of their sons, who had fallen in the fighting at the front.

Mr. Wade addressed the House and added his sympathy with the Honorable Members in their loss.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Black—From the Council of the Shire of Namoi.
- (2.) By Mr. Harry Morton—From the Council of the Shire of Macleay.
- (3.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From the Council of the Shire of Gwydir.
- (4.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From the Council of the Shire of Guyra.
- (5.) By Mr. G. R. W. McDonald—From the Council of the Shire of Mandowah.
- (6.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From the Council of the Shire of Warrah.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Thompson presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Eastwood, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.

Petition received.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—

(1.) Mr. Thomas Brown presented a Petition from certain Electors of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the serious increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors within recent years; that the early closing of liquor bars will promote sobriety and improve the moral, physical, and economic welfare of the people; and praying that measures may be adopted to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, p.m.

Petition received.

(2.) The following Petitions representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. M. Abbott—From certain residents of Upper Hunter Electorate.
- (2.) By Mr. Durack—From certain residents of Bathurst Electorate.
- (3.) By Mr. Perry—From certain residents of Byron Electorate.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
- (2.) Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—Notification of the resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—*Gazette Notices* under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling prices for Pigs, and varying the prices previously fixed for Bran and Pollard, Condensed Milk, Butter, Fresh Milk, and Pork.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—Report of the Botanic Gardens and Government Domains for 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ARMIDALE—*Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 11th August, 1915, declaring the seat of Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D., vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Braund; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Herbert William Lane, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Armidale.

6. VACANT SEAT—DEATH OF FRANCIS ARTHUR BADGERY, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR WOLLONDILLY:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Deputy Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on 28th August, 1915, of Francis Arthur Badgery, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, as Member for the Electoral District of Wollondilly.

(2.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That the seat of Francis Arthur Badgery, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Wollondilly, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said Francis Arthur Badgery.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Stock Diseases (Tick) Amendment Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901; and to provide for the appointment of inspectors by the Minister*,"—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, 1915.

(2.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Amendment Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

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 Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4th September, 1915.

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

(3.) Junee Water Supply Administration Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply of the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th August, 1915.

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

8. PROPOSED LECTURE ON TOWN PLANNING:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. C. C. Reade, Lecturer of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association of Great Britain, proposed to deliver a lecture on Town Planning in the Board Room of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works between a quarter before Seven o'clock and Eight o'clock this evening. He would take the sense of the House as to whether he should leave the Chair at Six o'clock until Eight o'clock.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Black,	Captain Toombs.	Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Boston,		Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Burgess,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Price,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGirr.	Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cochran,		Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Estell,		Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Fingleton,		Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Griffith,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,		Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,		Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Hollis,		Mr. Henley,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hoyle,		Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Keegan,		Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lang,		Mr. James,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,		Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Chaffey.
Mr. Harry Morton,		Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Osborne,		Mr. Mercer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. EARLIER CLOSING OF LIQUOR BARS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Brown, "That, in the opinion of this House, " in consequence of the moral and social ills arising in the evenings through the sale of intoxicating liquors, it is of great importance that bars should be shut at a much earlier hour than the law at " present enacts,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words "namely at Six " o'clock, p.m."

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

Debate continued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Scobie submitted that it was a well-known rule of Parliament that a question could not be submitted which would raise the same Debate as one which had already taken place in the current Session. The subject had already been discussed on the motion of the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, Mr. Carmichael, on 27th July, and this motion was therefore out of order.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker, referring to the motion moved by the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, Mr. Carmichael, as recorded in *Votes and Proceedings* of the present Session, page 68, said that it was laid down in "May's Parliamentary Practice," 10th edition, page 286 that no question or Bill should be offered which was substantially the same as one on which their judgment had already been expressed in the current Session. It had been laid down by Mr. Speaker McCourt that a motion substantially the same as one already debated in the same Session was out of order. The motion moved by the Honorable Member for Leichhardt was for the taking of a referendum, and that under discussion asked for an expression of opinion as to the closing hour of hotels. The latter, in his opinion, was a totally different subject, and he ruled the motion in order.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cocks moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out the words "Six o'clock" and inserting the words "Nine o'clock" instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. T. S. Crawford moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by leaving out the words "Six o'clock" and inserting the words "half-past Nine o'clock" instead thereof.

Debate continued.

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

Question put.

The House divided,

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 44.	
Mr. Arkins	Mr. Thrower,	Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Waddell.	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Black,		Mr. Briner,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Durack,	Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Keegan.	Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. J. H. Cann,		Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Dunn,		Mr. Cocks,	Licut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,		Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Estell,		Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fingleton,		Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gardiner,		Mr. Dooley,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Hollis,		Mr. Fallick,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hoyle,		Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Lang,		Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McGirr,		Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gus. Miller,		Mr. Grimm,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Minahan,		Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Morrish,		Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Nicholson,		Mr. Henley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Page,		Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Perry,		Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Hickey.
Mr. Richards,		Mr. James,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1915, A.M.

Debate continued.

Mr. Wright moved, That the proposed amendment be amended, by leaving out the words "Six o'clock" and inserting the words "Ten o'clock" instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker said that he would put the original Question first, and if that were carried he would put the amendments in the order in which they had been proposed.

Question,—on Mr. Brown's motion,—put and passed.

Question,—on Mr. Stuart-Robertson's amendment, That the words "namely at Six o'clock p.m." proposed to be added be so added,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. James,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Thompson.

Tellers,

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hoskins.

Noes, 51.

Mr. M. Abbott	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Grimm,	Tellers,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Hoyle,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—on Mr. Cocks' amendment, That the words "namely at Nine o'clock p.m." proposed to be added, be so added,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Henley,	Tellers,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Hickey.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	Tellers,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Hollis,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—on Mr. T. S. Crawford's amendment to add the word "thirty" to the word "Nine",—That the word proposed to be added be so added,—put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Ashford,	
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Captain Toombs,	
Mr. Waddell,	

Noes, 44.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Duraack,	Lt.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.
Mr. James,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—on Mr. Wright's amendment, That the word "Ten" be inserted in place of the word "Nine",—proposed.

Point of Order :—Mr. Cohen submitted that the House having decided that the word "Nine" should stand, it was not competent to propose such an amendment.

Mr. Speaker overruled the objection.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Cocks,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Chaffey,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Burgess,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Duraack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Minahan.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Morrish,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question as amended,—That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of the moral and social ills arising in the evenings through the sale of intoxicating liquors, it is of great importance that bars should be shut at a much earlier hour than the law at present enacts, namely, at Nine o'clock, p.m.,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Chaffey,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Mark F. Morton.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Ashford,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Duraack,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Dunn,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Captain Toombs,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1915

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

MEMBER SWORN :—Herbert William Lane, Esquire, was introduced, and, 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 Armidale.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—Mr. Ball presented a Petition from the Council of the Shire of Wollondilly, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor ; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.
Petition received.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named :—
(1.) By Mr. Waddell—From certain residents of Lyndhurst Electorate.
(2.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall—From certain residents of Hawkesbury Electorate.
(3.) By Mr. Lee—From certain residents of Tenterfield Electorate.
Petitions received.

4. PAPER :—

Mr. Ashford 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 Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Thirty-second Annual Report, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Acts, 1902–1914.
(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Gosford Farm Home for Boys—Farm Account—for year ended 30th June, 1915.
(3.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Dubbo and Coonamble at Curban.
(4.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic—Sydney and Albury—between Cullerin and Harden.
(5.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury—Water Supply at Fish River.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. WARDELL-ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hoyle, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 55.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pymont) Act, 1915, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto ; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts.

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

8th September, 1915.

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

- (1.) Enemy Contracts Annulment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th September, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

- (2.) Height of Buildings (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th September, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

7. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order:—Mr. G. R. W. McDonald submitted that the Bill was out of order, as it exceeded the Order of Leave. The Stamp Duties Act, No. 87, 1898, provided for the payment of duty on the consideration money, whereas the Bill provided that stamp duty should be collected on the values determined, which, in effect, repealed part of the Stamp Duties Act, and there was no power in the Order of Leave to do so. The alteration of the method of collecting duty was something separate altogether from an alteration of the method of valuing land.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he had had occasion, in giving some former decisions, to deal with the question of a Bill containing clauses which could possibly be construed as being beyond the Order of Leave. In regard to this particular Bill, he did not think that that test applied. The Order of Leave was very wide and very definite. It said, among other things, "to provide that stamp duties and duties on the estates of deceased persons and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values," and, towards the end of the Order of Leave, it said: "and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act." If there was any inconsistency with regard to the basis of valuation—and the stamp duty was paid on the actual consideration, whereas this Bill said that the tax should be paid on the valuation made by the Department—he considered that those words were sufficiently wide and definite to indicate the object of the measure. He did not consider that clause 64 was beyond the Order of Leave, because he thought that the Order of Leave definitely provided for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act in so far as it might relate to the consideration money paid.

Debate continued.

Question 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 Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

8. WHEAT ACQUISITION (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 the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

9. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6:30 p.m., and that after that hour Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Kearsley—From certain residents of Cessnock Electorate.

(2.) By Lieut.-Col. Nicholson—From certain residents of Maitland Electorate.

Petitions received.

2. WHEAT ACQUISITION (CONTINUATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

3. WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Page,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Fern,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Grabame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Chaffey,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Zuill.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed*.Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.*"

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 Wheat Acquisition, Act, 1914,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 9th September, 1915.*

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4. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell 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. Estell, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
5. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL (GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Black, 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. Black, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Black, 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. Black, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1915, A.M.

7. SYMPATHY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE HOUSE IN THE DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. G. F. BRAUND, V.D., AND SERGEANT E. R. LARKIN, IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES :—
 Mr. Holman stated he had received the instructions of the Governor to inform the House that His Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply to His Majesty the King's Message of Sympathy with the Legislative Assembly on the loss of two of its Members at the Dardanelles, on Tuesday afternoon at half-past Four o'clock at His Excellency's office.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GRACIOUS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE HOUSE IN THE DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. G. F. BRAUND, V.D., AND SERGEANT E. R. LARKIN, IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES:—The Assembly proceeded to the State Governor's Offices, there to present to the Governor their Address in Reply to the Gracious Message of Sympathy of His Majesty the King with the Legislative Assembly in the loss of two of its Members, Lieut.-Col. George Frederick Braund, V.D., and Sergeant Edward Rennix Larkin, in action at the Dardanelles,—

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in Reply to His Majesty the King's gracious Message of Sympathy.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a State Forest, Land District of Moree.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public Wharves, Jones Bay, Pyrmont.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

5. ELECTION PETITION (*Clarence*):—

(1.) Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to him from Alexander Isbister, of Grafton, in the State of New South Wales, representing that he was a person who had a right to vote and voted at and for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales for the Electoral District of the Clarence at the by-election held on 14th August last; that the day of nomination for the said election was the 29th July last, on which day George Morrison, being duly qualified to be so nominated, was duly nominated as a candidate for the said election and William Arthur Zuill and Thomas James Henry were also nominated as candidates; that at such election Thomas James Henry, George Morrison, and William Arthur Zuill were candidates, and the Returning Officer announced that the number of votes given for each candidate was, William Arthur Zuill two thousand nine hundred and five, George Morrison two thousand two hundred and thirteen, Thomas James Henry seven, and declared the said William Arthur Zuill duly elected; that the said Thomas James Henry, prior to and on the said day of nomination held the following offices, that is to say, Government Medical Officer to the Aborigines, Visiting Surgeon to the Grafton Gaol, and Government Medical Officer under the Public Health Act for the Grafton District, the said offices or some of them being offices of profit under the Crown other than the offices enumerated in the Second Schedule of the Constitution Act, 1902, and not being an office or offices of profit under the Crown created by an Act of Parliament as an office of the Executive

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Government; that on the 5th August, last, the said Thomas James Henry publicly announced personally and through the newspapers that in consequence of unforeseen legal difficulties which would render his return null and void were he elected (being the holding of his said offices of profit under the Crown) he was compelled to discontinue his candidature, and did, in fact, take no further part in the said election, but the ballot-papers, having been printed and distributed, his name still remained thereon on polling-day; that prior to and on the said day of nomination the said William Arthur Zuill held office as a member of the Local Land Board for the District of Grafton, under and by virtue of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the regulations thereunder, such office being an office of profit under the Crown other than an office enumerated in the Second Schedule of the Constitution Act, 1902, and not being an office of profit under the Crown created by an Act of Parliament as an office of the Executive Government; that the said William Arthur Zuill continued to hold the said office of profit under the Crown for some time subsequent to the said day of nomination; that Petitioner has paid into the Grafton Branch of the Bank of New South Wales the sum of fifty pounds to the credit of the Honorable Richard Denis Meagher, the Speaker of the said Legislative Assembly, in relation to this Petition, in accordance with Section 165 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; and representing further (a) that each of them, the said Thomas James Henry, and the said William Arthur Zuill, was not duly nominated for the said election under Section 79 of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912; (b) that the nomination of each of them, the said Thomas James Henry and the said William Arthur Zuill was void; (c) that each of them, the said Thomas James Henry, and the said William Arthur Zuill was disqualified for nomination, as being at the date of nomination the holder of an office of profit under the Crown, other than an office enumerated in the Second Schedule of the Constitution Act, 1902, and not being an office of profit under the Crown created by an Act of Parliament as an office of the Executive Government; and praying that it may be determined that the said William Arthur Zuill was not duly elected or returned as Member to serve in the said Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Clarence, and that the said George Morrison was duly elected, or ought to have been elected or returned, and for such further or other determination as in the premises may seem meet.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

- (2.) *Appointment of First Meeting of Committee* :—Pursuant to the requirements of the 159th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at Two o'clock, p.m., on Thursday next, in No. 2 Committee Room.

6. **ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to certain contracts, and to provide for their annulment or termination*,"—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, 1915.*

7. **PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS** :—Mr. Mercer moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The number of persons arrested for drunkenness between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
(2.) The number of persons arrested for drunkenness between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
—for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1915.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. **PETITION OF THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY** :—Mr. Keegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery," brought up on 27th July, 1915, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

9. **VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. **PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL (GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Black, *passed*.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for increased Government representation on the board of directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital; to amend the Prince Alfred Hospital Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for increased Government representation on the board of directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital; to amend the Prince Alfred Hospital Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th September, 1915.

11. NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Black, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Newcastle Hospital; to provide for the disposal of unclaimed moneys of patients who die in that hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Newcastle Hospital; to provide for the disposal of unclaimed moneys of patients who die in that hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th September, 1915.

NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th September, 1915.

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3, clause 8, line 34. Omit "twenty" insert "twenty-two"
Page 3, clause 8, line 35. Omit "eleven" insert "ten"
Page 3, clause 8, line 36. Omit "three" insert "four"
Page 3, clause 8, line 38. Omit "three" insert "four"
Page 4, clause 8, line 1. Omit "three" insert "four"
Page 4, clause 9, line 6. Omit "nine" insert "twelve"
Page 4, clause 9, line 6. Omit "eleven" insert "ten"
Page 4, clause 11, line 18. Omit "nine" insert "twelve"
Page 4, clause 11, line 20. Omit "nine" insert "twelve"
Page 6. Omit clause 19.

Examined,—

THOS. H. THROWER,
Chairman of Committees.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

2. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners have become aware that the House is to be petitioned to adopt measures to close all liquor bars throughout the State at Six o'clock, and praying that the hours at present in force relating to the sale of liquors at hotels should not be altered,—were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Morrish—From certain residents of New South Wales.
(2.) By Mr. Hunt—From certain residents of Camden Electorate.
Petitions received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—Communication from the Auditor-General, dated 7th September, 1915, regarding the audit of the National Belgian Relief Fund of New South Wales; together with a Balance-sheet of that Fund to the 31st August, 1915.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of 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.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—GORMAN'S HILL WEST, BYGALORE, FOREST VALE, UNGARIE SOUTH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ashford, "That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreements with the owners, the private lands, situated on the authorised railway from Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico, comprised in the estates particularised, and at the prices indicated in the Schedule hereunder:—

" SCHEDULE.

" Estate.	Owner.	Area (more or less).			Price per acre on a freehold basis.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
" Gorman's Hill West ...	Arthur King Trethowan ...	3,980	0	0	2	2	6
" Bygalore ...	Michael and Andrew Bolger ...	19,119	2	11	2	11	0
" Forest Vale ...	Matthew Sawyer, junior ...	20,642	0	0	2	15	0
" Ungarie South ...	Executors of late Patrick Heffernan	11,721	0	0	2	17	6 "

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

15th September, 1915.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1915, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman made a Ministerial Statement as to the employment of Germans or Austrians in the Public Service.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Ashford 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 Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES:—

(1.) Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases" have leave to report the evidence taken before them from time to time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Dr. Arthur, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Frederick Flowers, President of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said President to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th September, 1915.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. George, Mr. Bagnall, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The unsatisfactory administration of the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund and the resultant inadequate attention provided for the dependants of those at the front."

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

Mr. Bagnall moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Prevalence of Venereal Diseases:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated this day, requesting leave for the Honorable Frederick Flowers, President of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said President to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th September, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

(2.)

16th September, 1915.

(2.) Newcastle Hospital Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 14th September, 1915, in reference to the Newcastle Hospital Bill, agrees to the amendments made therein by the Assembly, but amends the Title by omitting the words "to provide for the disposal of unclaimed moneys of patients who die in that hospital," as consequential upon the Assembly's amendment omitting clause 19 of the Bill, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chambers,
Sydney, 16th September, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

7. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 17.

Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Moxham,
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wade.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Colquhoun.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; 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 make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th September, 1915.

8. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

CASE OF DENIS MAGUIRE :—The following Petitions representing that a Select Committee had been appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Denis Maguire, ganger employed by the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and praying to be granted permission to appear in person, by Solicitor or Counsel, before such Committee, with the right to adduce evidence, and power to examine and cross-examine witnesses,—were presented by Mr. Stuart-Robertson from,—

(1.) Denis Maguire.

(2.) Edward Silcocks, Chief Inspector of the Engineer for Tramways Branch, New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways.

(3.) George Robert Cowdery, Engineer for Tramways, New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways.

Petitions received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE** :—The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by Mr. Crane :—

(1.) From the Council of the Shire of Boomi.

(2.) From the Council of the Shire of Booloeroo.

Petitions received.

3. **CONTENTIOUS LEGISLATION DURING CONTINUANCE OF WAR** :—Mr. Cusack presented a Petition from certain residents of Culcairn, representing that in their opinion while the present war lasts all party dissensions should cease, and all contentious legislation be postponed, in order that the whole energies of Governments, Parliaments, and people may be concentrated on questions of defence, recruiting, and rendering assistance to our soldiers at the front, and the wounded and relatives of those who have fallen; and praying that the House will refrain from introducing and passing contentious legislation during the continuance of the war.

Petition received.

4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Mr. Holman made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the persons of German birth permanently employed in the Public Service of New South Wales, the record and positions held by them, and the action taken or to be taken by the Government in connection therewith.

Mr. Wade also addressed the House.

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 Accounts for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1915, 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. **ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WOLLONDILLY—Issue and return of Writ** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 7th September, 1915, declaring the seat of Francis Arthur Badgery, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of the late Mr. Badgery; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of the Honorable George Warburton-Fuller, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Wollondilly.

21st September, 1915.

7. APPRENTICES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 57.

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 protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 13th September, 1915.

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

8. PETITION OF THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Keegan "That the Report from the Select Committee on Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery, brought up on 27th July, 1915, be now adopted,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 5th October.

And it being after half-past six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

9. MEMBER SWORN :—The Honorable George Warburton Fuller was introduced, and, 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 Wollondilly.
10. WARDELL-ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) BILL :—Mr. D. R. Hall, on behalf of Mr. Hoyle, 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 acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts.
- Question put and passed.
11. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions :—
- (1.) That, in accordance with the terms of Section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and as further extended on the eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follow :—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
under-pressers,	After the word "pressers," in the Clothing Trades group of industries
and buckram and other head-gear workers,	After the words "felt and straw hat makers," in the Clothing Trades group of industries.
hair workers,	After the word "wig-makers," in the Domestic group of industries.
and all persons delivering bread,	After the word "bread-carters," in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
assistants and pastry packers,	After the word "pastrycooks," in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
workers engaged in the manufacture, assembling, or repair of new and second-hand furniture, including chairs, couches, and other wood articles for sitting accommodation, fittings, show-cases, wood mantelpieces, sewing machines, pianofortes, piano-players, gramophones, and organs, and in wood-turning (other than in sawmills, and in the coachmaking industry), but excepting wood machinists; workers engaged in wood-finishing (bespoke polishing); workers engaged in upholstering, in the planning, measuring, fixing, and sewing of floor-coverings, in the cutting of loose covers (other than in the coachmaking industry) and of furnishing drapery; and in the manufacture or preparation of material for, or repair of, cushions, mattresses (other than wire), quilts, and similar goods;	After the words "sawyers wherever employed;" in the Furniture Trades group of industries.

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Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
oxy-acetylene welders, electric welders, sheet-metal workers ;	After the words "iron and shipbuilding trades ;" in the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group of industries.
jumpers, pick, shovel, axe and moyle men, scabblers, spawlers, nappers, fencers, grubbers, and cleaners ; employees of Trustees of Commons, and of contractors with municipal and shire councils ;	After the word "surveyors' labourers;" in the Labourers' group of industries.
mackintosh makers, oilskin makers, animal-rug makers, camp-bed makers, quilt makers, umbrella makers, and flag makers ; persons employed in the manufacture of varnishes, lacquers, and stains ;	After the words "canvas makers ;" in the Manufacturing (No. 1) group of industries.
persons, including machinists, making and covering boxes, cartons, packets, containers, shelf, stock or fixture receptacles out of wood, cardboard, pasteboard, straw-board, leather-board, manilla paper, or two or more of such materials in combination or with any similar material ; persons including machinists, preparing material for and making playing, picture, or other cards ;	After the words "sugar-cane ;" in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
and employees engaged in the reception, sale, or delivery of goods,	After the words "Office assistants in shops," in the Professional and Shopworkers group of industries.
; vaudeville artists, employees in public and private dispensaries, and clerks.	After the words "Theatrical employees" in the Professional and Shopworkers group of industries.
; gate-keepers	After the word "caretakers" where secondly occurring in the Miscellaneous group of industries.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the resolutions with amendments.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.

12. **NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 16th September, 1915, in reference to the Council's consequential amendment in the Title of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's consequential amendment in the Title of the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

Mr. President,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 16th September, 1915, agreeing to the Assembly's amendments in the Newcastle Hospital Bill, but requesting its concurrence in an amendment in the Title, as consequential upon the Assembly's amendments in the Bill,—agrees to the said amendment in the Title.

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Sydney, 21st September, 1915.

13. **SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only four Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Lane, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Robson.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1915, A.M.

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

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14. CONTRACTS REVISION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. James moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years,— were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Hunt—From certain citizens of New South Wales.
 (2.) By Mr. J. H. Cann—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Reports by the Auditor-General, together with Balance-sheets, Trading Accounts, and Profit and Loss Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1915, in connection with the undermentioned Industrial Undertakings, viz.:—State Timber Yards and Building Workshops, Uhr's Point; State Metal Quarries, Kiama and Port Kembla; State Lime Works, Botany and Taree; State Brickworks, Botany; State Motor Garage; Rozelle Joinery Works.

(2.) Regulations under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901, and the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898.

(3.) By-laws under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, for the Municipalities of Katoomba and Balranald.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, also Additional Regulation No. 49, and Additional Forms Nos. 38 and 39, under the Closer Settlement Acts.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grabame laid upon the Table.—Report of the Acting Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1915.

(2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th June, 1915.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table,—

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

(2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplication between Cullerin and Harden.

(3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of a Water Supply at Harden.

(4.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of a Water Supply at Illalong Creek.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr.

22nd September, 1915.

- Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman made a further Ministerial Statement in reference to the persons of German birth permanently employed in the Public Service of New South Wales, the record and positions held by them, and the action taken or to be taken by the Government in connection therewith.
Mr. Wade also addressed the House.
4. TRIBUTE TO LIEUT.-COL. C. E. NICHOLSON, MEMBER FOR MAITLAND:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker do convey to Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Edward Nicholson, V.D., Member for Maitland, the recognition by this House of his patriotic action in joining the Australian Imperial Force to assist the Empire in the present calamitous war.
The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—
Question put and passed unanimously.
Mr. Speaker addressed the House, and conveyed the resolution to Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholson. Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholson made his acknowledgments.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The undue consideration extended to persons of German origin by officials of the Department of Lands.”
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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- Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
7. GREATER SYDNEY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute and provide for a Sydney Metropolitan Area and Council; to provide for the better government of the area, and for the exercise and supply by the council of certain powers and services outside the area; to provide for the alteration or abolition of municipalities and shires within the area; to provide for the council co-operating with the Governments of the Commonwealth and State and with public or private bodies and persons; and for these purposes to repeal certain Acts and to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 constitute and provide for a Sydney Metropolitan Area and Council; to provide for the better government of the area, and for the exercise and supply by the council of certain powers and services outside the area; to provide for the alteration or abolition of municipalities and shires within the area; to provide for the council co-operating with the Governments of the Commonwealth and State and with public or private bodies and persons; and for these purposes to repeal certain Acts and to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to constitute and provide for a Sydney Metropolitan Area and Council; to provide for the better government of the area, and for the exercise and supply by the council of certain powers and services outside the area; to provide for the alteration or abolition of municipalities and shires within the area; to provide for the council co-operating with the Governments of the Commonwealth and State and with public or private bodies and persons; and for these purposes to repeal certain Acts and to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 6th October.

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8. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann,—That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having, in accordance with the terms of Section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, passed a resolution to amend Schedule One of that Act (as extended on the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and as further extended on the eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, by resolutions of Parliament),—transmits the said resolution to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1915, A.M.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION 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.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1915, A.M.

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

That, in accordance with the terms of Section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and as further extended on the eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follow:—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
under-pressers,	After the word "pressers," in the Clothing Trades group of industries.
and buckram and other head-gear workers,	After the words "felt and straw hat makers," in the Clothing Trades group of industries.
hair workers,	After the word "wig-makers," in the Domestic group of industries.
and all persons delivering bread,	After the word "bread-carters," in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
assistants, and pastry packers,	After the word "pastrycooks," in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
workers engaged in the manufacture, assembling, or repair of new and second-hand furniture, including chairs, couches, and other wood articles for sitting accommodation, fittings, show-cases, wood mantelpieces, sewing machines, pianofortes, pianoplayers, gramophones, musical instruments and organs, and in wood-turning (other than in sawmills and in the coachmaking industry), but excepting wood machinists; workers engaged in wood-finishing (bespoke polishing); piano-tuners; workers engaged in upholstering, in the planning, measuring, fixing, and sewing of floor-coverings, in the cutting of loose covers (other than in the coachmaking industry) and of furnishing drapery; and in the manufacture or preparation of material for, or repair of, cushions, mattresses (other than wire), quilts, and similar goods;	After the words "sawyers wherever employed;" in the Furniture Trades group of industries.
; masters, officers, engineers, and all other shipboard hands employed in connection with the State trawling enterprise;	After the words "health and sanitary inspectors" in the Government Employees group of industries.
oxy-acetylene welders, electric welders, sheet metal workers;	After the words "iron and shipbuilding trades;" in the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group of industries.
and harbour and reclamation works,	After the words "irrigation works" in the Labourers' group of industries.
jumpermen, pick, shovel, axe and moyle men, grave-diggers, scabblers, spawlers, nappers, fencers, grubbers and cleaners; employees of Trustees of Commons, and of contractors with municipal and shire councils;	After the words "surveyors' labourers;" in the Labourers' group of industries.
mackintosh makers, oilskin makers, animal-rug makers, camp-bed makers, quilt makers, umbrella makers, and flag makers; persons employed in the manufacture of varnishes, lacquers, and stains;	After the words "canvas makers;" in the Manufacturing (No. 1) group of industries.

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Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
persons, including machinists, making and covering boxes, cartons, packets, containers, shelf, stock, or fixture receptacles out of wood, cardboard, pasteboard, straw-board, leather-board, manilla paper, or two or more of such materials in combination or with any similar material; persons, including machinists, preparing material for and making playing, picture, or other cards;	After the words "sugar cane;" in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
and employees engaged in the reception, sale, or delivery of goods,	After the words "Office assistants in shops," in the Professional and Shopworkers' group of industries.
; vaudeville artists, employees in public and private dispensaries, and clerks, other than articulated, solicitors', or architects' clerks,	After the words "Theatrical employees" in the Professional and Shopworkers' group of industries.
boatmen, divers, divers' attendants, puntmen and punt and lighter hands,	After the words "ferry boats," where secondly occurring in the Shipping group of industries.
, gate-keepers	After the word "caretakers" where secondly occurring in the Miscellaneous group of industries.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—

(1.) The following Petitions, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Scobie—From the Council of the Shire of Conargo.

(2.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick—From the Council of the Shire of Amaroo.

(3.) By Mr. Scobie—From the Council of the Shire of Murray.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Ball presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Jerilderie, representing that the Council views with dread the proposal to admit any person of 21 years of age to a share in the control of the affairs of the area after a residence of one month; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the Local Government Franchise be not extended beyond those who are either owners of land within an area, or are householders or lessees from the owner.

Petition received.

(3.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Canowindra and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law.

Petition received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage for Municipality of Goulburn.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala, *via* Nimitybelle, Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Bacon, and declaring the maximum selling prices for Bacon and Ham.

(2.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, annulling Notices declaring the maximum wholesale selling prices for Pork, and declaring the maximum retail selling prices for the same commodity.

(3.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Pigs.

(4.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Chickwheat.

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- (5.) *Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Chaff and Hay.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Holman laid upon the Table,—Report by the Railway Department as to the probable traffic to be handled at Coff's Harbour and Jervis Bay on completion of the North Coast Railway; also Report by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners on the proposal to make increased use of State ports in the transport of inland products to Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL-MINES RAILWAY 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 enable William Longworth and Thomas Longworth, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, to construct a railway from coal lands at Buttai, in the parish of Maitland, county of Northumberland, to the Great Northern Railway at Thornton, in the parish of Alnwick,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
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Sydney, 23rd September, 1915.
B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. James, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 5th October.
4. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hoyle, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.
Message No. 58.
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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
State Government House,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1915.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.
5. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. LOANS (INTEREST) BILL:—Mr. Hoyle, *on behalf of* 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 authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—
(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.
Message No. 59.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
State Government House,
Sydney, 17th June, 1915.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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The 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 authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

9. RURAL TENANTS IMPROVEMENTS BILL :—

- (1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 60.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 17th June, 1915.

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

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; 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 on Tuesday next.

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

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

R. D. MEACOCK,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. George Cann presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

2. PAPER:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1894.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WILLOUGHBY—*Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 11th August, 1915, declaring the seat of Edward Rennix Larkin, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of the late Mr. Larkin; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate indorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of John Haynes, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby.

4. POSITION OF BUSINESS INTERRUPTED BY SESSIONAL ORDER:—Mr. Speaker, referring to a question which had been asked him as to the position of Business interrupted by Sessional Order giving precedence to Government Business after 6.30 o'clock, and particularly to the motion to adopt the Report from Select Committee on "Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery," on 14th September, had the Debate not been adjourned, drew attention to the practice of the House of Commons as set out in "May," 10th edition, pages 208, 209, and 211, and to the practice which had been followed in this House. He said that in future, when the moment of interruption arrived, he would take the Debate as adjourned by the Sessional Order, and would call upon the Member in charge of the Business to name the date for the resumption of the Debate. The Member speaking would be allowed to continue when the Debate was resumed.

5. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL (GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for increased Government representation on the board of directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital; to amend the Prince Alfred Hospital Act, 1902; 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, 27th September, 1915.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The unsatisfactory and unbusinesslike methods adopted by the Government in connection with the importation and disposal of fodder (chaff)."

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

Mr. Price moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And

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And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

7. **MEMBER SWORN**:—John Haynes, Esquire, was introduced, and, 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 Willoughby.
8. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER 49TH STANDING ORDER**:—
Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to the position of the Debate on the motion of adjournment recorded in Entry 6.
Further Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen pointed out that the Sessional Order only stated that Government Business should have precedence. Formerly the Sessional Order provided that Government Business only should be proceeded with and Private Business was absolutely blocked. He submitted that the motion for adjournment must be concluded before Government Business could be taken.
 Mr. Speaker said: (1) That after half-past Six o'clock he would treat a motion for adjournment as a dilatory motion, as explained in "May," 10th edition, page 210. He referred to a ruling he had given earlier in the evening that a motion for the adoption of report from Select Committee would have become automatically adjourned, and appear on the Business Paper as an Order of the Day. He placed a motion for adjournment in the same category as a dilatory motion, and the only business which could be entertained was Government Business. (2) That the Sessional Order was practically the same as that in force on 27th December, 1906, when under similar circumstances Government Business was proceeded with at Six o'clock. He therefore held that the hour of half-past Six having arrived, the discussion on the motion of adjournment had been guillotined, and the House must proceed with Government Business.
9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Holman*, 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 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the "General Loan Account 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.
10. **MEAT INDUSTRY BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Black*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter-houses, cattle sale-yards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.
11. **BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE VESTING BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, 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 vest certain lands at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto.
 Question put and passed.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1915, A.M.

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,297,530; being £2,331,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1916, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1915, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1915-16; £61,100

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£61,100 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz. :—
 £26,700 for Minister for Public Works,—Railways and Tramways, £500; Public Buildings—Tourist Resorts and Caves Houses, £2,000; Coast Hospital, £15,000; Centennial Park Improvements, £1,000; Court-houses generally, £1,200; Public Buildings generally, £2,000; Miscellaneous—Toronga Park—Building and Improvements, £3,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works generally, also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled, £2,000;

£33,000 for Education,—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Teachers' Training College, Technical Education, School and Residence Sites, Additions, Other Buildings, including Head Office, University, Reformatory Buildings, Australian Museum, National Art Gallery, Conservatorium of Music, and Observatory and cost of land;

£1,400 for Agriculture—To provide for afforestation and re-afforestation, assessment, survey, resumption, and improvement of Lands for Forestry purposes, and the establishment of Plant and initiation of the business of Timber conversion as a State enterprise;

£905,430 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz. :—

£57,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade,—Sydney Harbour Trust—Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port—further sum, £55,000; Resumption of land at Jones' Bay, &c.—further sum, £2,000;

£185,000 for Railways and Tramways,—Railways—Rolling-stock to meet the expansion of traffic and equipment of New Lines, £70,000; Additions to Stations, Lines, and Buildings, and for other purposes, £35,000; Towards construction of Flemington to Belmore, and Wardell-road to Glebe Island and Darling Island Railways, £80,000;

£608,130 for Minister for Public Works,—Railway Construction—North Coast Railway—further sum, £20,000; Forbes to Stockinbingal—further sum, £8,000; Wyalong to Cudgellico—further sum, £16,000; Tullamore to Tottenham—further sum, £5,000; Glenreagh to Dorrigo—further sum, £20,000; Condobolin to Broken Hill—further sum, £70,000; Sewerage Construction—Long Bay Ocean Outfall, £10,000; Newcastle Sewerage, £9,000; Harbours and Rivers—Nambucca River Improvements, £1,200; Government Dockyard Newcastle Extension—further sum, £35,000; Port Kembla—Improvements, Wharfage and Shipping Appliances, £10,000; New Dredging Plant and Punts—towards £25,000; Newcastle Harbour Improvements and Wharfage, including Dredging and other Plant, £20,000; Newcastle Floating Dock, £60,000; Meat Industry and Abattoir Board—New Public Abattoir and other works at Homebush Point, Meat Distributing Dépôt, Pig and Calf Market, Sale Yards, Meat Export and other Works and Buildings, including Land Resumption and Costs, £65,000; Miscellaneous—Advance to meet General Expenses, Commission, and other charges payable under the Agreement with Messrs. Norton Griffiths & Co. in connection with the carrying out of Public Works, to be hereafter adjusted by transfer of payments to the specific Public Works to which the amounts are properly chargeable, £15,000; Purchase of 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 (Norton Griffiths & Co., Store Advance Account), £10,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes, £145,000; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewerage generally, £50,000; Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—Extension of Reticulation, Improvements, Land, Buildings, Canal Works, &c., and for other purposes, £9,220; Sewerage—Extensions and Reticulation, £1,710; Miscellaneous—New Offices, Workshops, &c., £3,000;

£55,300 for Agriculture—Water Conservation and Irrigation—For the Construction of Burrinjuck Dam, Murrumbidgee Canals, Purchase of Stock, Assisting Settlers, Payment of tenant-rights, &c., £52,000; Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers, £1,500; Miscellaneous—For the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural Colleges, and Experiment and Demonstration Farms, &c., £1,800.

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

13. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1915–1916, the sum of £3,297,530 be granted, viz. :—£2,331,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £61,100 out of the Public Works Fund, and £905,430 out of the General Loan Account.

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

14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Ordered, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915–1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.)

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(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account 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. Cann, 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. Cann, 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. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann 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 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account 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 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th September, 1915, A.M.

The House adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—Interim Report of the Royal Commissioner (The Hon. A. C. Carmichael, M.L.A.) on the General Administration of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Alteration of Name of Town, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Black, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 62.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter-houses, cattle saleyards, and meat markets, within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 27th September, 1915.

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

3. WALLSEND MINING DISTRICT HOSPITAL 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 incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Wallsend Mining District Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th September, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President,

Bill, on motion of Mr. Black, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

4. TRUSTEES' DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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5. PUBLIC WORKS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall 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 repeal section thirty-two of the Public Works Act, 1912, as from the commencement of that Act; to validate certain payments to members of the Public Works Committee, and to indemnify persons making or receiving such payments; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. ACTS CORRECTION BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall 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 correct certain errors and inaccuracies in Acts.
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall 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 appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the Clerical and General Divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
8. APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, 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 protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. FAIR RENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

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

- (1.) Wheat Acquisition (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th September, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th September, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 5, line 36. *Omit "case" insert "action"*

Page 2, clause 5. At end of clause *add "or any similar action commenced before the first day of July, 1915."*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Supply Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 29th September, 1915.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1906.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1906*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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12. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) 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 amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912.

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 Medical Practitioners Act, 1912.

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 amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FRANCHISE):—

(1.) Mr. Thrower presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Barry and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law.

Petition received.

2. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 63.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915-1916, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th September, 1915.

3. WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914.*"

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4. FAIR RENTS BILL: The Order of the Day having been read,— Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mereer,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Duraek,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Keegan.
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 24.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS 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 sanction and provide for the construction of electric railways in the City of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President

CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th September, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments

Page 3, clause 8. *Omit* subclause (1) *insert* new subclause (1) as follows:—

The following section is inserted next after section four of the Principal Act:—

4A. The provisions of this Act relating to the acquisition of land shall also apply to the acquisition of an easement or right to use the subsoil or the under-surface of land, whether such easement or right is acquired separately from or together with any land.

Page 4, clause 8, subclause (4), line 7. *Omit* "ninety" *insert* "one hundred and twenty"

Page 4, clause 8, subclause (5), line 15. *After* the word "jury" *omit* remainder of subclause.

Page 4, clause 8, subclause (7), line 28. *After* the word "jury" *omit* remainder of subclause.

Pages 4 and 5, clause 8. *Omit* subclause (8).

Page 7, clause 8. *Omit* subclause (13).

Pages 9 and 10. *Omit* clauses 11, 12, and 13, *insert* new clauses 11, 12, and 13, as follows:—

11. Notwithstanding any provision in any Act to the contrary, it shall not be necessary for the Constructing Authority to give any notice of his intention to blast any rock, nor shall he be liable to have an injunction issued to restrain him from causing or continuing to cause any nuisance by such blasting or by any other operation necessary or proper in connection with the construction of the said work.

12. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Public Works Act, 1912, to the contrary, any action for damage or injury caused by the carrying out of any work or the doing of anything under the authority of this Act (not being an action for compensation in respect of any land taken under the said authority) shall be heard and determined, when the amount claimed in such action exceeds one thousand pounds, by a Judge of the Supreme Court without a jury, and when such amount does not exceed one thousand pounds by a Judge of the said Court or a District Court Judge without a jury.

(2) No such action may be brought unless a claim in writing setting out the nature of the damage or injury complained of has been served upon the Constructing Authority within twelve months after the carrying out of the work or the doing of the thing by reason of which the damage or injury complained of is alleged to have arisen.

If the Constructing Authority does not admit such claim or is unable to agree with the claimant as to the amount of compensation to be paid, he may by notice in writing require the claimant to bring an action for the prosecution of such claim, and such action shall be commenced within twelve months from the date of such notice.

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13. The Constructing Authority or any person authorised by him in writing may at any reasonable hour in the daytime enter any land or building along or near to the line of the said work and inspect the same and make measurements and drawings and take photographs thereof and take such other measures as he may think necessary to ascertain the construction and condition of any such building:

Provided that notice shall be given to the person in occupation of such land or building at least twenty-four hours before such entry.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900: to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900: to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Election Petition—Isbister v. Zuill*) Clarence:—

(1.) Mr. T. S. Crawford, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on the 14th September, 1915, the Petition of Alexander Isbister, against the return of William Arthur Zuill, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence. And the said Report was read at length by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on 23rd June, 1915, to whom was referred on 14th September, 1915, a Petition from Alexander Isbister, against the return of William Arthur Zuill, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence, have determined and do hereby declare:—

“1. That William Arthur Zuill, Esquire, the sitting Member for the Electorate of Clarence, was not at the time of his election the holder of an Office of Profit under the Crown; that he is not disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

“2. That the Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious.

“3. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“No. 1 Committee Room, Legislative Assembly,

“Sydney, 30th September, 1915.

“T. S. CRAWFORD

“Chairman.”

Mr. Crawford moved, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Crawford moved, That the Committee have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

10. JUNEES WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply of the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; 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

30th September, 1915.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply of the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply of the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE VESTING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 vest certain lands at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

12. TRUSTEES' DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; 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 enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

13. PUBLIC WORKS (DECLARATORY) BILL :—

- (1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 64.

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 repeal section thirty-two of the Public Works Act, 1912, as from the commencement of that Act; to validate certain payments to members of the Public Works Committee, and to indemnify persons making or receiving such payments; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 26th August, 1915.*

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

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 repeal section thirty-two of the Public Works Act, 1912, as from the commencement of that Act; to validate certain payments to members of the Public Works Committee, and to indemnify persons making or receiving such payments; to amend the said Act; 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.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to repeal section thirty-two of the Public Works Act, 1912, as from the commencement of that Act; to validate certain payments to Members of the Public Works Committee, and to indemnify persons making or receiving such payments; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal section thirty-two of the Public Works Act, 1912, as from the commencement of that Act; to validate certain payments to Members of the Public Works Committee, and to indemnify persons making or receiving such payments; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. POSTPONEMENT :—The remaining Government Business postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, pursuant to leave granted on 30th September, 1915, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(1.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

(2.) Regulations Nos. 262 and 263, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Kabilah, Mr. Edden, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The closing against "prawning of the waters of Lake Macquarie."

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

Mr. Edden moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. PETITION OF THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Keegan, "That the Report from the Select Committee "on Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery, brought up on 27th July, be now adopted,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Keegan, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 19th October.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the Clerical and General Divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 25th August, 1915.

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

5th October, 1915.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the Clerical and General Divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the Clerical and General Divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the Clerical and General Divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
6. TRUSTEES DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that as the Bill proposed to amend the Trust Property Act and the Probate Act without mention in the Title, the Bill was out of order.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker said the Bill proposed to give additional powers to Trustees in clause 3. He could not find the word “*amend*” in any part of the Bill, or in the Order of Leave. There did not appear to be any attempt to take away or restrict the powers of Trustees but rather to add to such powers. He ruled the Bill in order.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
7. STOCK BRANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stock Act, 1901, to provide for the ear-marking of cattle; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Stock Act, 1901, to provide for the ear-marking of cattle; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Grahame, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Stock Act, 1901, to provide for the ear-marking of cattle; 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. LOANS (INTEREST) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted. Ordered.

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5th October, 1915.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of electric railways in the City of Sydney and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1915.*

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION OF CENSURE ON MR. SPEAKER:—Mr. Speaker having drawn attention to the following Notice of Motion in the name of the Honorable Member for Albury, Mr. Cusack, viz., "That, in view of the honorable observance of neutrality by the Government in connection with by-elections since the war broke out, and in view of the vicious and unprecedented circumstances surrounding the Willoughby by-election, the action of Mr. Speaker in welcoming Mr. Haynes to this House was uncalled for, injudicious, and calculated to destroy the respect of Parliament in him,"—said he had the opportunity of seeing the motion in print, and had no hesitation in saying that it was of a multiplex character. It referred to the observance of neutrality by the Government in connection with by-elections, and proceeded to deal with the question as to whether certain conditions were vicious and unprecedented at Willoughby, and if he allowed it to be dealt with he would be permitting debate on something entirely outside the ambit of his official knowledge, and converting this honored Chamber into a place where a farce was being played. If the Honorable Member desired that the time-honored custom, both in the mother Parliament and this Parliament of welcoming every new Member, of whatever shade of political opinion he may be, to be departed from, and wished the opinion of the House on the question to be tested, he would, on his giving Notice of Motion, consider it. On looking up precedents, he found that any motion of censure upon the Speaker was one which dealt absolutely and specifically with the Speaker, and did not drag in questions of compact, of which the Speaker had no official cognisance, nor the dust and grime of by-elections. He was sufficiently versed in politics to know that many estimable men have said cruel and harsh things at by-elections, but the spirit was to allow the dust of conflict to be blown away when we came into this Chamber. The precedents are very rare. Redlich in "The Procedure of the House of Commons," states:

"The rules prescribe that due Notice of Motion must be given that on some future day a vote of censure upon the Speaker will be moved. It need hardly be said that such an event is abnormal and happens but rarely, and that such a motion would only be acceded to by the House if the circumstances fully justified it."

In a speech of Mr. Balfour's in the House of Commons on 7th May, 1902, it was shown that no motion for censuring a Speaker had been brought forward for eighty years.

In 1885, he found that Mr. Buchanan tabled a motion in this House dealing with the action of Mr. Speaker in attending a public political and party banquet. That was a matter personally affecting Mr. Speaker in connection with some remarks which he had made. He need hardly give the division list on that case. On another occasion, when the rulings of Mr. Speaker were questioned, those rulings were specifically set forth untrammelled by any foreign matter. As he considered that in this motion the Honorable Member for Albury had brought in foreign matter in regard to some alleged observance of neutrality by the Government in connection with by-elections, and vicious and unprecedented circumstances surrounding the Willoughby by-election, he could not help feeling that while this might be a motion of censure, ostensibly against himself, it was in reality a subterfuge for an attack upon an Honorable Member of this House. He would protect every Honorable Member of this House to the best of his ability, and he, therefore, ruled the Notice of Motion of the Honorable Member out of order. If the Honorable Member desired to deal specifically with the question of welcoming a new Honorable Member, and submitted his Notice of Motion in writing, he would give it consideration.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Thomas Brown presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that this House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

6th October, 1915.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage for the Municipality of Wagga Wagga.
 (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply from Uمبرumberka Creek for City and District of Broken Hill.
 (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Hospital for Insane, Morrisset.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
 Governor.

Message No. 66.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Newcastle Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; 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 October, 1915.

5. TRUSTEES DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

6. STATE COAL MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day, having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the resolution, returned herewith, in reference to the *Industrial Arbitration Act, No. 17, 1912—Amendment of Schedule One*,—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 6th October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
 President.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1912—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE.
 Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th October, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, paragraph 3, column 1, line 9. *After the word "cleaners" insert "with the exception of persons of the foregoing occupations who are engaged as general farm or station hands"*
 Page 2, paragraph 7, column 1, line 27. *After the word "dispensaries" omit "and clerks, other than articulated, solicitors', or architects' clerks"*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

8. GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann 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. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow

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9. **BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. **FAIR RENTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Ball,
Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. James,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Richards.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; 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 for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th October, 1915.

11. **LOANS (INTEREST) BILL**:—Mr. Holman, pursuant to leave granted on 5th October, 1915, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose 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.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL:—Mr. Thomas Brown presented a Petition from David F. Brandt, Convener of the Religious and Morals Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, representing that a resolution had been carried by such Committee praying that there be no extension of the Sunday Trading Bill beyond half-past Six o'clock.
Petition received.

2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FRANCHISE):**—

(1.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Sunnyridge and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Zuill presented a Petition from the Council of the Shire of Harwood, representing that the Council views with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill.
Petition received.

3. **PAPER:**—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Dr. Charles Albert Monticone as Chief Government Interpreter and Translator.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. Grahame made a statement as to the intentions of the Government in regard to the purchase of wheat, and the date up to which the Government guarantee could be claimed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Dulwich Hill, Mr. Hoskins, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—
“The payment to Ministers and Members of this House of expenses incurred in connection with the recent recruiting campaign.”

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

Mr. Hoskins moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6.

7th October, 1915.

6. WHEAT ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- G. STRICKLAND,
Governor. Message No. 67.
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914,*"—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 October, 1915.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Mark F. Morton, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. TRUSTEES DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and 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 enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1915.
9. STATE COAL MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the State Coal Mines Act, 1912.*"
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 State Coal Mines Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1915.
10. GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1915.
11. GREATER SYDNEY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. James moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 21st October.
12. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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7th October, 1915.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1915, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—

(1.) Mr. Ball presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship ; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of Millthorpe and surrounding district, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates ; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation ; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law.

Petition received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper,—*Gazette* Notices, under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices previously fixed for Chickwheat, Bran and Pollard, and Oatmeal.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers,—

(1.) Statement of the Government's attitude regarding Railway Passes and Reduced Railway Fares for Soldiers.

(2.) Imperial Document—Further correspondence with the United States Government respecting the treatment of British Prisoners of War and interned Civilians in Germany.

(3.) The truth about German atrocities—Founded on the report of the Committee on Alleged German Outrages.

(4.) Germany's Dishonoured Army—Additional Records of German Atrocities in France.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Report and Financial Statement of the New South Wales Government Railways Superannuation Board for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

(6.) Substituted Regulation No. 8A, under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, as amended by the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913.

(7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between West Maitland and Wauchope, by provision of Trucking Yards at West Maitland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Hickey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration and regulation of public accountants ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hickey then presented a Bill, intituled " *A Bill to provide for the registration and regulation of public accountants ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 2 November.

12th October, 1915.

4. DAYS AND HOUR OF MEETING:—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That the Sessional Orders be altered so that this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 10.30 a.m., and close at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in each week.
Mr. Mercer moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

5. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann 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. Cann, *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th October, 1915.*

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question 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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith 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. 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.
8. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—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 amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools, and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools, and for these 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.

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12th October, 1915.

9. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keogan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Cochrau,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Wade.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,
Mr. Mark F. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Ashford, *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the manufacture, sale, storage, transit, and export of dairy produce, including margarine, and for prescribing standards for the same; to provide for the testing, blending, mixing, and grading of cream, and the basis of payment for cream; for the grading and branding of butter; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901, and certain other Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the manufacture, sale, storage, transit, and export of dairy produce, including margarine, and for prescribing standards for the same; to provide for the testing, blending, mixing, and grading of cream, and the basis of payment for cream; for the grading and branding of butter; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901, and certain other Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th October, 1915.*

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Arkins, Mr. Boston, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Edden, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Lang, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Table of Contents in connection with the Greater Sydney Bill, 1915, with Map of Metropolitan Area showing extent of the operations of the Bill.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. MUNITIONS BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of 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 authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—Mr. 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 for the better government of the shires and municipalities; to extend the basis of representation and the powers and functions of local governing bodies; to make provision for insuring local governing bodies against certain risks; to establish bodies for the extirpation of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants; to repeal certain Acts; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Griffith, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend section seventy of the Local Government Act, 1906.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section seventy of the Local Government Act, 1906,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th October, 1915.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Griffith, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912.*"
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 Medical Practitioners Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th October, 1915.

13th October, 1915.

6. RURAL TENANTS IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (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 Medical Practitioners Act, 1912*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th October, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 27. Omit the words "member of the Company" insert "Licentiate of the Society"
- Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause add "Provided that no person shall be deemed to be a legally qualified medical practitioner or entitled to be registered as such under the provisions of subsection 1 (b) of this section by virtue of a diploma, degree, or license entitling him to practice medicine in the country to which the university, college, or other body therein mentioned belongs unless it be made to appear to the Board that by the laws or regulations in that behalf in force in such country the right to practice medicine therein is granted to persons who are registered in this State as legally qualified medical practitioners under this Act by virtue of their being so registered and without further examination."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
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. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. McGirr.
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Thompson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Colquhoun.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—Mr. Dooley presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

2. PAPER :—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following paper :—Return to an Order, made on 14th September, 1915, "Persons arrested for Drunkenness."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. OATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Oaths Act, 1900*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney 14th October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

4. AUCTIONEERS LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Auctioneer's Licensing (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council :—"Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled '*An Act to enable "auctioneers to sell wool, skins, and hides after sunset; to amend the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, "1898, and the Acts relating to early closing,*'—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence "during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because "of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be "proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th October, 1915.

Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 the Assembly's resolution in reference to the Industrial Arbitration Act—Amendment of Schedule One.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to one and disagreed to the other of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, the report was adopted.

14th October, 1915.

6. MUNITIONS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th October, 1915.

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

7. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, pursuant to leave granted on 30th September, 1915, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest certain land at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. MUNITIONS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Thomas, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
10. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—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 for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
11. SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time. Mr. Durack 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 2, 3, 5, Schedules One and Two, and the consideration of a new clause instead thereof." Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question. Debate ensued. Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived. Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed. Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 3, 5, Schedules One and Two, and the consideration of a new clause,—put and passed. On motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1915, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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14th October, 1915.

12. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 6th October, 1915, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Assembly's resolution in reference to Industrial Arbitration Act—Amendment of Schedule One,—

Disagrees to the amendment on page 2, lines 30-31, which omits the words "and clerks, other than articled, solicitors', or architects' clerks,"—because clerks form such a large class they should not be excluded from the benefits of the Arbitration Law.

Agrees to the other amendment made by the Council in the resolution.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in the resolution.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th October, 1915, A.M*

The House adjourned, at seven minutes before Four o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years, were presented by Captain Toombs:—

- (1.) From certain residents of the Hurstville Electorate.
- (2.) From certain residents of the Hurstville Electorate.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following paper:—Return of persons of enemy birth or origin employed in the Public Service in New South Wales, embracing,—

- (1.) Those persons included in statements made by the Premier in the Legislative Assembly on the 22nd and 23rd September;
- (2.) Certain employees of the Works Department, the Railway Commissioners, and the Water and Sewerage Board who were omitted from the aforesaid statements.
- (3.) Summaries of replies received in regard to (a) the attitude of the Imperial Government; (b) Commonwealth Government; (c) Governments of other States, in regard to this question.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice—Order declaring that the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914, as amended by the Wheat Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 1915, is continued to the 31st October, 1915, inclusive.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry respecting the Administration of the Dental Board and the conduct of its Registrar.

Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Keegan, "That the Report from the Select Committee on Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery, brought up on 27th July, 1915, be now adopted.";—until Tuesday, 16th November.
- (2.) Administration of the Necessary Commodities Control Act; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That, in the opinion of this House, the manner in which the Necessary Commodities Control Act is being administered is harassing to the producers, discourages agricultural settlement, and tends to increase the cost of living.";—until To-morrow.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Bondi, Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow, and the Honorable Member for Maitland, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Edward Nicholson, V.D., owing to their having joined the Australian Imperial Force for service abroad.

Question put and passed.

19th October, 1915.

5. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS. BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hohman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of electric railways in the City of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to validate certain purchases; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 13th October, 1915.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hastings and Macleay, Mr. Harry Morton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—
"The action of certain police officers in arresting and falsely charging five military recruits with "assault on one Charles Westall."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Morton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. DAYS AND HOUR OF MEETING—(Proposed Sessional Order) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wright, "That the Sessional "Orders be altered so that this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 10.30 a.m. "and close at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in each week,"—
And the question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. George Cann,
Mr. J. H. Cann,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs.

Tellers,

Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Wright.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Lee,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Hoskins,	Tellers,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. James,	Mr. Boston.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. THE ASHTONFIELD'S COAL-MINES RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Kearsley moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and "report.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Wright, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Page, "Mr. Perry, Mr. Durack, and the Mover," instead thereof.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. James, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 2nd November.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to one and amended the other of the Legislative Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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19th October, 1915.

10. MUNITIONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. LOANS (INTEREST) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1915; together with Appendices, Diagrams, and Plans.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. MUNITIONS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; 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 authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th October, 1915.*

3. LOANS (INTEREST) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose 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 authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th October, 1915.*

20th October, 1915.

4. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. 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 13th instant, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment on page 2, which adds a proviso at end of clause 2, but proposes to amend such proviso by the addition thereto of the following words, "or in the absence of such proof unless he passes the examination prescribed by the Senate of the University of Sydney, or if he be a graduate of any German or Austrian University or Medical School, or a German or Austrian subject,"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th October, 1915.*

5. **DARVALL-STREET BRIDGE REMOVAL BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. **HONEYSUCKLE POINT AND HENTY CEMETERIES BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. **RURAL TENANTS IMPROVEMENTS 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,—

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1915, A.M.

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

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

8. **SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, *passed*.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st October, 1915, A.M.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of* Mr. W. Millard, presented a Petition from certain residents of the Bega Electorate, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for extension of the Rookwood Stormwater Channel.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Bursary Endowment Board for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board in connection with the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Frank Basil Cooke as Junior Assistant, Sydney Observatory.

(3.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.

(4.) Return showing the number of candidates presented by each school at the Intermediate Certificate Examinations in 1913 and 1914, together with the percentage of passes for each school represented.

(5.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Honeysuckle Point and Henty Cemeteries Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 20th October, 1915.*

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

(2.)

21st October, 1915.

(2.) Darvall-street Bridge Removal Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 71.

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 extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th October, 1915.

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

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway from Bankstown to Liverpool* :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Bankstown to Liverpool.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *System of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wollongong* :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 system of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wollongong.

Question put and passed.

5. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann 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. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

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

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 15th October, 1915, a.m., in reference to the *Industrial Arbitration Act, No. 17, 1912—Amendment of Schedule One*,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this resolution.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr Griffith, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 72.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the better government of the shires and municipalities; to extend the basis of representation and the powers and functions of local governing bodies; to make provision for insuring local governing bodies against certain risks; to establish bodies for the extirpation of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants; to repeal certain Acts; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1915.

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

9. JUNE WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann 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. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. PAPER :—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Final Report of the Royal Commissioner (Hon. A. C. Carmichael) on the General Administration of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.

Ordered to be printed

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21st October, 1915.

11. **BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann 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. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **DARVALL-STREET BRIDGE REMOVAL BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches ; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches ; 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 extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches ; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches ; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. **HONEYSUCKLE POINT AND HENTY CEMETERIES BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty ; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty ; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty ; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 20th October, 1915, in reference to the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill,—
Agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment, but proposes to further amend such amendment by the omission of all the words after the word “ Sydney ” to the end of the proviso and the insertion in place thereof of the words “ Provided further that nothing in this “ section shall entitle to registration a graduate of any German or Austrian University or Medical “ School only, or a German or Austrian subject, ”—in which further amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st October, 1915.
FRED. FLOWERS,
President.
Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Harry Morton presented a Petition from the Officers of the Harbour of Safety Lodge, No. 45, Kempsey, representing that Petitioners are gratified that the House has passed a resolution affirming the desirability of fixing the hour for closing public-houses and hotels throughout the State at 9 p.m.; that the present time is opportune to make the change; and praying the House to immediately pass an Act to give effect to such resolution.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts from the 25th August, 1915, to the 20th October, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holtman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th September, 1915.

(2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury at Goulburn.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willyama, Mr. Wright, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The refusal of the Government to compensate Messrs. W. T. Cornish, E. Virgin, and F. C. Hancock, gardeners, Stephen's Creek, for injury done them by the removal of sand near their gardens." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Wright moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF LAWS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT:—Mr. Kearsley moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 30th November.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

5. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 alter the closing time of licensed premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night; to alter the opening time for such premises; to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and for those purposes to amend the said Act; and to amend the law relating to early closing.
Question put and passed.

26th October, 1915.

6. JUNEES WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply for the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply for the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1915.

7. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain lands at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1915.

8. RURAL TENANT'S IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, passed.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; 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 for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1915.

9. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Black, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

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 Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed.

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

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10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) 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. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying Notice of 22nd September, 1915, with regard to Bacon and Ham, and declaring the maximum selling prices of Ham and Bacon, and varying Notice of 29th July with regard to Cheese so as to exempt "Fancy Cheeses," and Proclamation ordering returns to be made of stocks of Tea.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain borrowings by the Council of the Waratah Municipality; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 27th October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

- (2.) Munitions Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 27th October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

- (3.) Loans (Interest) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 27th October, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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LOANS (INTEREST) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 27th October, 1915.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1. *After line 7 insert "This Act shall have effect for two years from the date of its passing, and no longer."*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and declare the law with respect to agreements with and securities taken by money-lenders; to amend the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon.
Question put and passed.
4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.
5. APIARIES BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Apiaries Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—"Mr. President,—
"A Bill, intituled 'An Act to regulate the bee industry; to prevent the spread of disease in
"bees; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,'—forwarded to the Legislative
"Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been
"finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly
"requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that
"behalf.
"*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*
"*Sydney, 27th October, 1915.*"
Question put and passed.
Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.
6. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on 12th October, 1915, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools, and for these 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.
7. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 alter the closing time of licensed premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night; to alter the opening time for such premises; to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and for those purposes to amend the said Act; and to amend the law relating to early closing.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to alter the closing time of licensed premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night; to alter the opening time for such premises; to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday; to fix the hours for the sale and supply of liquor in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room, and for those purposes to amend the said Act; and to amend the law relating to early closing.

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

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(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the closing time of licensed premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night; to alter the opening time for such premises; to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday; to fix the hours for the sale and supply of liquor in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room, and for those purposes to amend the said Act; and to amend the law relating to early closing,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

S. BAKING HOURS BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the days and hours of work in bakehouses; to amend the Bread Act, 1901, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

9. TRUSTEES DELEGATION OF POWERS 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 enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

TRUSTEES DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 27th October, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Clause 6, page 3, line 1. *After the word "of" insert "or temporarily absent from"*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Fallick presented a Petition from Ratepayers, Electors, and Residents of the Shire of Patrick's Plains, representing that the provisions of the Local Government (Franchise) Bill are not calculated to serve the best interests of residents of Local Government Areas; that in the event of such provisions becoming law it will be possible for the Council of an area to be composed of persons who contribute nothing to its revenue; that the law which permits representation without taxation offers inducements to extravagance; and praying that the clauses which provide for any extension of the franchise be eliminated from the Bill. Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Additional Regulation, No. 304A, and Additional Form, No. 124B, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Mr. Robert Ament as Manager on probation, Trangie Experiment Farm, Department of Agriculture.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Mr. F. Hamilton as Dentist, Medical Branch, Department of Public Instruction.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon Table the following Paper:—Report on the outbreak of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa and the policy of the Government with regard to its suppression. Ordered to be printed.

3. APPLICATION BY MICHAEL DEVITT FOR A MINING LEASE AT THE PEAKS:—Mr. Hunt (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Thomas be appointed a Member of the Select Committee on "Application by Michael Devitt for a Mining Lease at The Peaks." Question put and passed.

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

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Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Richards.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Wade moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
7. MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 and declare the law with respect to agreements with and securities taken by money-lenders; to amend the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 and declare the law with respect to agreements with and securities taken by money-lenders; to amend the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. TRUSTEES DELEGATION OF POWERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to 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 enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1915.*
9. WALLSEND MINING DISTRICT HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, 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. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter-houses, cattle sale-yards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter-houses, cattle sale-yards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Black, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter-houses, cattle sale-yards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 10th November.

11. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman 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. Holman, 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. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1915, A.M.

Debate continued.

Disorder :—By direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the Honorable Member for Albury, Mr. Cusack, was removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, under Standing Order No. 392.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 50, under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.
 (2.) Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act for 1914.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulations Nos. 4, 15, 19, 20, and 24, Additional Regulation No. 18A, and Amended By-law No. 5, under the Wentworth Irrigation Act as amended by and read in conformity with the Irrigation Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES :—Ordered, on motion of Dr. Arthur, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases" requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to the Honorable Sir Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, Kt., M.B., C.M., one of its Honorable Members, to attend as a witness before the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 2nd November, 1915.*

3. MUNITIONS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
 Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways to manufacture and supply arms and munitions of war; 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, 1st November, 1915.*

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, Mr. Carmichael, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"That the Government should at once take action to guarantee to the public that the moneys subscribed by the public to the various relief funds are expended on the purposes for which they were subscribed."

And

2nd November, 1915.

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

Mr. Camichael moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Hickey directed attention to a Notice of Motion standing on the Business Paper in the name of the Honorable Member for Macquarie, Mr. Thrower, for Tuesday, 23rd November, and submitted that as the terms of that motion were sufficiently wide to admit of the question which had been raised by the Honorable Member for Leichhardt being discussed, the present discussion was anticipating debate on that motion.

Mr. Speaker said that the motion under Standing Order No. 49, submitted by the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, was to the effect that the Government must take action to secure that the money subscribed by the public for the various relief funds was expended for the purpose for which it was subscribed. He was personally aware that there were a great number of funds. The motion by the Honorable Member for Macquarie was specific, and suggested that the Government should appoint a Royal Commission to report upon two specific funds. As the motion by the Honorable Member for Leichhardt was all-embracing he did not see how he could rule it out of order.

Debate ensued.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

5. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1915-1916 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

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 1915-1916.
- (2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1914-1915, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (3.) Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," to 30th June, 1915, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.
- (4.) *Public Works Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1915-1916.
- (5.) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1915-1916.

State Government House,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1915.

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

6. 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 the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

- (3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £400 for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council for the year 1915-16.

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

7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—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 Ways and Means.

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

8. PAPERS :—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1915-1916.
- (2.) Statements in connection with the Financial Speech, 2nd November, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

9. WALLSEND MINING DISTRICT HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Wallsend Mining District Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Wallsend Mining District Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1915.*

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Estell presented a Petition from Edward Parkes, President, David L. Morgan, Treasurer, and David Broadfoot, Secretary, of the Wallsend Labour League, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

2. DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH BEING FOUND IN A COMMON GAMING-HOUSE IN REDFERN:—Mr. Fingleton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 10th August, 1915.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for (a) Flour, Bran and Pollard, and Bread; (b) Oatmeal, and declaring the maximum wholesale and retail selling prices for that commodity.

(2.) Order under the Wheat Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 1915, declaring that the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914, as amended by the Wheat Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 1915, is continued to the 30th November, 1915, inclusive.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; 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, 3rd November, 1915.

FRED FLOWERS,
President.

VALUATION

3rd November, 1915.

VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of the Legislative Council, dated 3rd November, 1915

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, lines 12, 13, and 14. *Omit* "but shall not apply to the City of Sydney until a date after the said day to be proclaimed by the Governor and"
- Page 4, clause 8, subclause 3, line 28. *Omit* "one thousand"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 36. After "in" *insert* "the boundaries of"
- Page 5, clause 12, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* "and their boundaries"
- Page 5, clause 12, line 38. After "in" *insert* "the boundaries of"
- Page 6, clause 13, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "valuer-general" *insert* "Governor"
- Page 6, clause 13, lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "valuer-general" *insert* "Governor"
- Page 7, clause 16, subclause (c) line 30. *Omit* "and value"
- Page 9, clause 23, line 14. *Omit* "four" *insert* "five"
- Page 9, clause 23, line 15. *Omit* "paid" *insert* "payable"
- Page 9, clause 25, line 31. *Omit* "four" *insert* "five"
- Page 11, clause 29, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "any valuation" *insert* "all valuations"
- Page 11, clause 29, line 7. After "to" *insert* "any"
- Page 11, clause 29, subclause (3), line 11. After "to" *insert* "any"
- Page 11, clause 31, lines 21 and 22. *Omit* "at any time" *insert* "within the prescribed time"
- Page 13, clause 38, lines 15, 16, and 17. *Omit* "(who shall preside), a chairman and a member of a local land board under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913"
- Page 13, clause 38, line 18. After "Division" *insert* "shall consist of a district court judge (who shall preside) and"
- Page 15, clause 46. *Omit* clause.
- Page 15, clause 48. *Omit* clause.
- Page 18, clause 59, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "except as regards the valuation of lands used for mining or mining purposes"
- Page 18, clause 59. *Add* new subclauses :—
- (2) For the purposes of this section, in ascertaining the unimproved value of any land, there shall be a reasonable deduction for profitable expenditure by the owner or occupier on visible and effective improvements (if any) which, although not upon the land, have been constructed for its drainage, for its protection from inundation, or otherwise for its more beneficial use.
- (3) Such deduction (if any) shall be noted separately on the roll, and on the notice of valuation, and objection may be made thereto under this Act.
- Page 19, clause 63, line 12. After "buildings," *insert* "or additions to existing buildings."
- Page 19. After clause 63, *insert* new clause :—
64. (1) The provisions of this Act shall apply to mining lands subject to the qualifications provided in this section.
- (2) In valuing mining lands regard shall not be paid to—
- (a) their mineral contents ;
- (b) any aboveground or underground mineral workings ; or
- (c) any improvements on the land provided for the winning of minerals, or for the treatment of minerals won, from the land being valued.
- (3) Valuations of mining lands under this Act shall be used for the purposes of Part V of this Act, but shall not be used for any of the purposes of Part VI of this Act, except for the purposes of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909.
- (4) The provisions of the Local Government Act, 1906, relating to the valuation of mines, shall continue in force notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act. The valuations made under those provisions shall (except in a case where any portion of a mine is separately let or sublet to and occupied by any person for residential, business, grazing, or agricultural purposes) be divided into two parts—one being the valuation made under subsection two of this section and the other being the amount remaining after deducting such last-mentioned valuation from the whole. Subject to this section the said provisions of the Local Government Act, 1906, may be used and applied for all purposes of that Act as if this Act had not passed.
- (5) The expression "mining lands" in this section shall have the same meaning as the word "mine" in the Local Government Act, 1906.
- Page 20, clause 66. *Omit* lines 25 to 28 inclusive.
- Pages 21, 22, and 23, clause 68. *Omit* clause.
- Page 24. After clause 71 *insert* new clause :—
- Each rating or taxing authority named in Part V shall as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act supply the valuer-general with a description of the boundaries of its area, and such other information with respect to land therein as the valuer-general may require, and shall transmit to him from time to time such particulars of the change of ownership of or of interests in land as may have been notified to such authority.
- Page 26, clause 80, lines 39 and 40. *Omit* "which he deems"
- Page 26, clause 80. At end of clause *add* (k)—

Such regulations shall

- (1) be published in the *Gazette*.
- (2) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in such regulations ; and

(3)

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- (3) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is in Session; and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

Examined,

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Prevalence of Venereal Diseases :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated 2nd November, 1915, requesting leave for the Honorable Sir Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, Kt., M.B., C.M., a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend as a witness before the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases"—the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend as a witness, if he think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willoughby, Mr. Haynes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The critical state of affairs at North Sydney and in the St. Leonards-Hornsby Railway Suburbs owing to the breakdown of the water supply and of the sewerage system, which greatly imperils the public health."

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

Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. J. H. Cann asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether the adjournment of the House could be moved on this subject in view of the Financial Statement having been made last night and the Estimates laid upon the Table of the House. Supply was an Order of the Day, and the Honorable Member would have ample opportunity for ventilating any grievance of this kind when the Estimates came on for consideration.

Mr. Speaker said the matter was perfectly clear and required no argument. There were at least twenty-two decisions which had been given during recent years that an Honorable Member could not anticipate discussion which could take place in Committee of Supply or of Ways and Means after the Estimates of Expenditure and of Ways and Means had been tabled. The Point of Order was absolutely fatal.

6. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting. Question put and passed.

7. CLOSURE SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Dunn,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Mercer.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. William Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Lane.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Waddell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

3rd November, 1915.

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 imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd November, 1915.*

8. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—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 for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 21st October, 1915, in reference to the further amendment in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's further amendment in the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 21st October, 1915, agreeing to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment, but proposing to further amend such amendment, in the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill,—agrees to the Council's further amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd November, 1915.*

9. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

10. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Estell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to alter the closing time of licensed premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night ; to alter the opening time for such premises, to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday ; to fix the hours for the sale and supply of liquor in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room, and for those purposes to amend the said Act ; and to amend the law relating to early closing.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the closing time of licensed premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night ; to alter the opening time for such premises, to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday ; to fix the hours for the sale and supply of liquor in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room, and for those purposes to amend the said Act ; and to amend the law relating to early closing,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th November, 1915, A.M.*

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOANS (INTEREST) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Speaker said he had considered the Legislative Council's amendment which had the effect of limiting to a period of two years the right of the Government to borrow at a higher rate of interest than had been authorised by existing Acts, and might preclude the continuance of authorised public works. If for example the Council had by amendment in the last Loan Bill shortened the currency of Treasury Bills, such an amendment would not have been accepted by the Assembly. He thought the House might go into Committee, and unless prepared to waive its privileges, disagree with the amendment on the express grounds that the amendment was an interference with the rights and privileges of the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Legislative Council's amendment in the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 27th October, 1915, requesting its concurrence in a certain amendment made by the Council in the Loans (Interest) Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment,—because such amendment would place an undesirable limitation on the power of the Government to raise loans for the construction of public works already authorised under existing Acts.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th November, 1915.

2. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

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

(1.) *Scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Inverell*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Inverell.

4th November, 1915.

- (2.) *Scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Glen Innes*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Glen Innes.
- (3.) *Water Supply for the Town of Portland and its environs*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Water Supply for the Town of Portland and its environs.
- (4.) *Water Supply for Bathurst*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, relating to the proposed Water Supply for Bathurst.
- (5.) *Scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, *on behalf of* Mr. Henley, Chairman, brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
5. LOANS (INTEREST) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 4th November, 1915, in reference to the Loans (Interest) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

6. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bagnall moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3 (a)," instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Keegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Lang,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Minahan,
Captain Toombs.

Tellers,

Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Morrish.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

7. BAKING HOURS BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the days and hours of work in bakehouses; to amend the Bread Act, 1901, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1915, A.M.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of the days and hours of work in bakehouses; to amend the Bread Act, 1901, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the regulation of the days and hours of work in bakehouses; to amend the Bread Act, 1901, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time.

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

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4th November, 1915.

8. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, 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 Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting.

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 Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting.

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

(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting.*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—

(1.) Mr. Dooley presented a Petition from certain residents of the Hartley Electorate, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of the Shire of Lyndhurst, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law.
Petition received.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Department of Forestry for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The proposal of the Federal and State Parliaments to take joint action for the financing, storing, selling, and transporting this season’s wheat.”

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

Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. McGirr drew attention to Notice of Motion No. 12 standing in the name of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick on the Notice Paper for to-day, and submitted that the discussion would anticipate debate on that motion.

Mr. Speaker said he could not see any relevancy between the motion of the Honorable Member for Corowa and the Notice of Motion to which his attention had been directed. He ruled the motion in order.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

4. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, 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. Black, the report was adopted.

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

9th November, 1915.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hall, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
6. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 26

Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Ashford,
Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. George Cann,
Mr. J. H. Cann,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Edden,

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,

Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs.

Tellers,

Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Lane.

Noes, 5.

Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Zuill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Estell, *passed*.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the hours of work in certain industries, and the payment of overtime ; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements ; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; 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 regulate the hours of work in certain industries, and the payment of overtime ; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements ; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th November, 1915.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from residents of the Shire of Lyndhurst, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law. Petition received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Annual Report of the Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Papers in connection with the revocation of the Dedication of certain Lands under the Forestry Act, 1909.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Second Supplement of the *London Gazette* of Friday, 13th August, 1915, containing the despatch of Vice-Admiral de Robeck, reporting the landing of the Army on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section seventy of the Local Government Act, 1906,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

- (1.) Trustees Delegation of Powers Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 76.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable certain trustees, executors, and administrators to delegate their powers; to validate certain delegations and acts; 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, 10th November, 1915.

10th November, 1915.

(2.) Wallsend Mining District Hospital Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Wallsend Mining District Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; 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, 10th November, 1915.

(3.) Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912,"—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, 10th November, 1915.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hurstville, Captain Toombs, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The expediency in this supreme crisis of the Government making representation to the Red Cross Society that Mrs. Gordon Wesche should eliminate herself from its operations and funds until she has been vindicated against alleged gross pro-German statements on the death of Nurse Cavell, the accuracy of which the *Sunday Times* newspaper reaffirms, and invites her to test before the only authority in existence that can impartially determine where the truth lies, namely, a court of law." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Captain Toombs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Holman asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether this was a matter of urgent public importance and of such a character as to justify the use of the privilege granted under Standing Order No. 49. He understood that the resolution was that the Government should make representations to a certain private body suggesting that a certain lady should be no longer associated with the Committee. He submitted that this was not a matter in any way under the control of the Government or of Parliament. This body spent no public money, and was not amenable to any one of the Public Departments.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he had to interpret Standing Order No. 49. The urgency had been determined by the requisite number of Members rising in their places. It appeared to him that the matter was of recent occurrence, and it resolved itself into a question whether the House could be used by a private Member for the purpose of dealing with private affairs. The Red Cross Society had charge of a large sum of money subscribed by the public and the administration of the Fund by the people in charge became a matter of public criticism. Questions had been put in regard to pro-German sentiments without objection, and the administration of the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund discussed. He held that the subject, leaving out the surplusage, was definite, and he therefore ruled it in order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Griffith moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wuddell,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	Tellers,
Mr. Hollis,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. George Cann.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Richards.

Tellers,

Mr. Lang,
Captain Toombs.

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

And Captain Toombs having spoken in reply,—
Question put and negatived.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

10th November, 1915.

6. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (WAR) BILL :—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 refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace.
Question put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—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 Ways and Means.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dunn, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
8. PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. LAND AGENTS BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration and control of land agents; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1915.*
11. PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the clerical and general divisions; to amend the Public Service 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 authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the clerical and general divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1915.*
12. APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Estell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
The House adjourned, at eleven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from residents of the Shire of Lyndhurst, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law. Petition received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Mr. J. Williams as Experimentalist, on probation, Department of Agriculture.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, at Thirroul.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by deviation between Picton and Mittagong.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of Booligal Weir.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipality of Muswellbrook, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES** :—Dr. Arthur, as Chairman, in accordance with the power granted on 16th September, 1915, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 7th July, 1915.
Ordered to be printed.

4. **APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—Mr. Estell, pursuant to leave granted on 10th November, 1915, presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11th November, 1915.

5. FAIR RENTS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to provide for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; 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, 11th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

FAIR RENTS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of the Legislative Council, dated 11th November, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 6. Omit "used" insert "leased"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 31. After "dwelling-house" insert "but excepting excess water rates, garbage and sanitary charges if paid by the tenant"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 34. Omit "State or Commonwealth Government" insert "laws of the State or Commonwealth"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 5. Omit "applies" insert "shall apply"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 8. Omit "two hundred and eight" insert "seventy-eight"
- Page 3, clause 3, lines 10 and 11. Omit "the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen" insert "a period of six months before the passing of this Act"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 12. After "amount" insert "provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to dwelling-houses ordinarily leased for summer residence"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 13. Omit "applies" insert "shall apply"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 18. After "a" insert "Stipendiary or Police"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 20. Omit "for a term of three years"
- Page 3, clause 6, line 38. Omit "the application" insert "such determination"
- Page 3, clause 6, line 38. Insert new subclause (4) "If the dwelling-house be subject to any mortgage, the mortgagee shall be entitled to notice of the application and to be a party to the proceedings"
- Page 4, clause 7, line 2. Omit "shall" insert "may"
- Page 4, clause 7, line 5. At end of clause add "But the Magistrate may, if he thinks fit, require the attendance of any declarant for purposes of cross-examination on the contents of his declaration, and failing such attendance the declaration shall not be receivable as evidence"
- Page 4, clause 8. Omit clause and insert new clause 8 as follows:—
"The practice upon the hearing of any application under this Act shall in respect of the examination and cross-examination of witnesses and the right of addressing the Magistrate upon the case in reply or otherwise be as nearly as possible in accordance with that of the Supreme Court upon the trial of an issue of fact in an action at law."
- Page 4, clause 9, line 17. Omit all the words after "the" first occurring to end of subclause (1) in line 21, insert "capital sum which the fee-simple of the land might be expected to realise if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a bona fide seller would require"
- Page 4, clause 9, subclause 2. Omit subclause.
- Page 4, clause 9, lines 27 and 28. Omit "five nor more than seven and one-half per centum" insert "the rate of interest which is for the time being charged upon overdrafts by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and not more than two and a half per centum above such last-mentioned rate"
- Page 4, clause 9, line 31. After "painting" insert "maintenance and renewal"
- Page 4, clause 9, lines 37, 38, and 39. Omit "but the fair rent shall not in any case exceed ten per centum of the capital value as ascertained under this section" insert "and plus such other outgoings and allowances as the court may deem proper and equitable in the circumstances of the case"
- Page 5, clause 9. Omit proviso at end of clause.
- Page 5, clause 10, line 6. Omit "building" insert "dwelling-house"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 8. Omit "building" insert "whole"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 9. Omit "as" insert "which"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 9. After "the" secondly occurring insert "portion of the"
- Page 5, clause 11, lines 16 and 17. Omit "nor for three months thereafter"
- Page 5, clause 12. Omit clause.
- Page 5, clause 13, line 32. After "ownership" insert "or tenancy"
- Page 5, clause 13, line 36. Omit "registrar" insert "court"
- Page 5, clause 13, line 37. After "the" insert "dwelling"
- Page 5, clause 13, line 38. At the end of clause add "or that the outgoings of the lessor in respect of the dwelling-house have been increased"
- Page 6, clause 14, lines 7 and 8. Omit "or between the dates of application and determination"
- Page 6, clause 16, line 19. After "force" insert "the legal remedies for enforcing"
- Page 6, clause 16, line 28. Omit "void" insert "limited to enforcing the fair rent so determined"
- Page 6, clause 17, line 33. Omit "wilfully" insert "unlawfully"

11th November, 1915.

Page 8, clause 24. *Omit lines 13 and 14 insert*

Such regulations shall

- (1) be published in the *Gazette* ;
- (2) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in such regulations ; and
- (3) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is in Session ; and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulations shall thereupon cease to have effect.

Examined,

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

6. TRIBUTE TO THOMAS HENLEY, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR BURWOOD:—Mr. Holman, on behalf of the Ministerial Party in the Assembly, and Members generally, offered congratulations to the Honorable Member for Burwood, Thomas Henley, Esquire, on the eve of his departure for the purpose of giving his services in connection with the War Chest Fund. Mr. Wade and Mr. Speaker also addressed the House. Whereupon Mr. Henley made his acknowledgments.

7. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (WAR) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace. 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 refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace.

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

- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. PAPER:—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Particulars of proposed revocation of State Forest Dedications, under section 9 of the Forestry Act, 1909

Ordered to be printed.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of the Shire of Lyndhurst, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law. Petition received.

2. GREATER SYDNEY BILL:—Mr. Wade presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Willoughby, representing that a Bill had been introduced into the Assembly to provide for a Greater Sydney by absorbing certain Municipalities; that the Council is of opinion that the people of that Municipality are not in favour of a Greater Sydney, believing that their wants can be better attended to by the existing Council than a Greater Sydney Council; and praying that before instituting a Greater Sydney a referendum of the electors for that Municipality be taken. Petition received.

3. HOLDING OF CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE BY PERSONS OF ENEMY ORIGIN:—Mr. Colquhoun, *on behalf of* Colonel Onslow, presented a Petition from Edward S. Sautelle, Mayor of Vacluse, Chairman of a Public Meeting, and certain citizens of New South Wales, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will pass laws to provide that no persons of enemy origin, naturalised or unnaturalised, shall be entitled to the Parliamentary or Municipal Franchise without new and rigid safeguards; that hotel and wine licenses be withdrawn from such persons; and that no such persons be employed at the public risk in any Public Department or Service. Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the State Debt Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

(2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by improvements to the Station Yard at Nubba. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Proceedings of the Conference of Military Advisers to the Commonwealth and Interstate Railway Commissioners on the question of Strategic Railways. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor and Vice-Admiral, proclaiming that war has broken out between His Majesty the King and the King of Bulgaria.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill was, on motion of Mr. Ashford, discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

16th November, 1915.

6. AUCTIONEERS' LICENSING (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 enable auctioneers to sell wool, skins, and hides after sunset; to amend the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, and the Acts relating to early closing,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney 16th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

AUCTIONEERS' LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th November, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, lines 1 and 2. *Omit "skins and hides"*
Page 1, Title, line 2. *After "sunset" insert "in the area of the Municipality of Albury"*
Page 2, clause 2, line 7. *After "sunset" insert "in the area of the Municipality of Albury"*
Page 2, clause 2, lines 7 and 8. *Omit "skins, hides or tallow" insert "not being on the skin"*
Page 2, clause 2, lines 15 and 16. *Omit "police district wherein it was issued" insert "said "area"*

Examined,

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

7. PETITION OF THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Keegan, "That the Report from the Select Committee on Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery, brought up on 27th July, 1915, be now adopted,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hunt.

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Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Hickey proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Levy submitted that this Bill was out of order inasmuch as it interfered with trade, and should therefore have been introduced in Committee of the Whole in accordance with Standing Order No. 246. He quoted a ruling given by Mr. Speaker McCourt on 10th August, 1909, when a Bill with a somewhat similar object was before the House, in support of his contention. Debate ensued.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

Mr. Speaker said he had looked up a ruling given by Mr. Speaker McCourt in 1902, on the Medical Practitioners Bill, when he had held that the word "trade" applied to the interchange of commodities in the way of business and not to the admission of persons to practice the medical profession. He quoted from the debate on that occasion, and the references which had been made to the 9th Edition of "*May's Parliamentary Practice*" containing the definition of "trade," and the Standing Orders of the House of Commons with regard to the introduction of Bills affecting trade which had been repealed on 29th February, 1888. His view as a private member, expressed on the occasion referred to, was that it was only necessary for Bills to be introduced in Committee when they dealt with a trade which affected the revenue, and that was his view now. He had no hesitation in saying that he preferred to follow the decision of Mr. Speaker McCourt, after full argument, in 1902, as against the record in 1909. For those reasons he ruled the Bill in order.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hickey, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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9. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 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 for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to some and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Black the report was adopted.
10. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
11. APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Estell, 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. Estell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOANS (INTEREST) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 79.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of loans under existing Acts at rates of interest exceeding four per centum per annum; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; 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, 16th November, 1915.

2. SYDNEY CORPORATION (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 Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 17th November, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 5, Omit "eight" insert "half-past seven"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Austrian and German papers found in possession of Mr. James F. J. Archibald, Falmouth, 30th August, 1915.

(2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1915-16.

Ordered to be printed.

17th November, 1915.

4. APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Estell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; 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 protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney 17th November, 1915.*
5. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—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 Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
6. MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall, pursuant to leave granted on 28th October, 1915, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend and declare the law with respect to agreements with and securities taken by money-lenders; to amend the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Act, 1905; and for purposes incidental thereto and consequent thereon,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Defamation Act, 1912.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Defamation Act, 1912,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. INDECENT EVIDENCE PUBLICATION BILL:—
(1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that in certain cases orders may be made that a court shall be cleared, and that certain evidence shall not be published; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide that in certain cases orders may be made that a court shall be cleared, and that certain evidence shall not be published; and for other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
9. OATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
10. PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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(2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; 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.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Schedule of incorrectly based Questions addressed in Parliament to Members of the Government respecting alleged enemy born subjects employed in the Public Service.
Ordered to be printed.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Public Accountants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hickey, 'That this Bill be now read a second time,'"—postponed until Tuesday, 30th November.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Griffith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRECKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 80.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend section seventy of the Local Government 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 18th November, 1915.

4. STATE COAL MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the State Coal Mines Act, 1912,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

5. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cain, 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, 19 NOVEMBER, 1915, A.M.

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

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

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

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

(3.) Resolved,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1915–1916, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £400, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council for the year 1915–1916.

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

18th November, 1915.

6. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, 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. Black, 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 Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th November, 1915, A.M.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twentieth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Black moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-three minutes after Seven o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years, —were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Ball.—From certain residents of Boree Creek and Lockhart.

(2.) By Captain Toombs—From certain citizens of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper.—Correspondence relating to the occupation of German Samoa by an Expeditionary Force from New Zealand.

(2.) Opinion of the Commonwealth Attorney-General and Secretary to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department respecting the words "employment" and "unemployment" in the Commonwealth Powers (War) Bill.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—By-laws (Water) of the Municipality of Muswellbrook, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Flour and Oatmeal (exclusive of Rolled Oats) manufactured in Australasia.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation No. 15, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman informed the House that To-morrow he would make a definite statement as to the desires of the Government in regard to the Business for the remainder of the Session. He also stated that the Government had offered to the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, Mr. Carmichael, the position of Commissioner to take charge of Irrigation throughout the State, and particularly at Yanko. The Honorable Member had that day intimated that he had offered his services for the front, and was therefore unable to accept the offer which the Government had made.

Mr. Wade and Mr. Carmichael also addressed the House.

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

- (1.) Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Administration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

(2.)

23rd November, 1915.

(2.) Junee Water Supply Administration Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply for the Town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the Municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra Dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

JUNEE WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd November, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 5, clause 7, line 16. Omit "and" first occurring.
 Page 5, clause 7, line 16. After "Council" insert "and the Commissioner"
 Page 5, clause 7, line 16. After "Council" omit to the end of clause.
 Page 5, clause 8. At end of clause add "And the proceeds, after deducting the cost of collection, shall be paid into the Treasury to the credit of the Junee Water Supply Account."

Examined,
B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) Mr. Ashford moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Crown Lands Amendment Bill was brought in be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (*as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings No. 22, of Wednesday, 11th August, 1915, Entry 12*) read by the Acting-Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

- (2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PATRIOTIC AND AUSTRALIA DAY FUNDS:—Mr. Thrower moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the administration of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund, also the Australia Day Fund.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business took precedence under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

7. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2):—Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 3rd November, 1915, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2),—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 8, which omits the words "one thousand,"—because the Assembly considers the salary provided by the Bill is adequate, the position being analogous to that of the Registrar-General of the State, whose salary is one thousand pounds per annum.

Disagrees to the amendment on page 15, which omits clause 46,—because it is desirable to give every facility for owners of small areas of land to appeal without fear of being mulcted in costs which might far exceed the amount likely to be levied in taxation on any excess value placed upon the land.

Disagrees to the amendment on pages 21, 22, and 23, which omits clause 68,—because the clause proposed to be omitted contains a vital principle of the Bill, and that principle was approved by the country at the last General Election.

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

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from the Council's amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1915.

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8. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (WAR) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1915, A.M.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

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

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Schedules A to G, Estimates (Consolidated Revenue Fund), 1915–1916, Department of Public Works.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1915, together with Appendices.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION:—The Honorable Member for Willoughby having given Notice of Motion respecting alleged guarding of premises of one Herr Sabiel,—

Point of Order:—Mr. D. R. Hall submitted that the Honorable Member was not entitled to place on record on the Notice Paper something which was absolutely untrue. When the House had the assurance of the Minister in charge of Police that the statement contained in the Notice was inaccurate it should not be permitted to appear on the Notice Paper.

Mr. Speaker said that if the motion was in accord with the Standing Order it would be permitted to appear. The Honorable Member giving the Notice would be responsible for the veracity of the statements that might appear therein.

3. FRONT MINISTERIAL BENCH:—Mr. Speaker called attention to the fact, which did not seem to be generally recognised, that the front Ministerial Bench was entirely for Cabinet Ministers. His attention had been called to the fact that Honorable Members during Question time were in the habit of apparently seeking interviews with various Ministers upon the Bench. It was obvious that it was desirable Ministers who might desire to confer with each other in regard to Questions should be able to do so without the intermediary of anyone outside the Cabinet. He merely called attention to the fact that during Question time Ministers should be unimpeded as far as possible by anything in the shape of interviews.

4. 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. Estell,—

- (1.) State Coal Mines (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message. No. 81.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the State Coal Mines Act, 1912*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 24th November, 1915.

24th November, 1915.

By Mr. Black,—

(2.) Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, in respect to the hours of voting,*"—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, 24th November, 1915.

5. APPRENTICES (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 protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; 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, 24th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th November, 1915

W. L. S. COOPER;
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 7. After "has" insert "been"

Page 2, clause 2, line 7. Omit "enlist" insert "enrolled"

Page 3, clause 4, subclause (b), line 16. After "service" insert "and not temporarily replaced"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The excessive charge (threepence one farthing per bushel) agreed upon by the Government to be debited against wheat-growers for receiving, handling, and placing their wheat for shipment free on board." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. H. Cann submitted that this motion was out of order. The Estimates were being considered and this subject could be dealt with when the Department of Agriculture was under consideration.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said it was an elementary principle that no matter could form the subject of a motion for adjournment that anticipated discussion which might take place in Committee of Supply on the Estimates. He could not see anything in the motion of the Honorable Member for Corowa which could not be fully and lucidly dealt with on the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture. He ruled the motion out of order.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

Mr. Speaker, referring to the Notice of Motion No. 1 on to-day's Notice Paper by the Honorable Member for Willoughby, said that yesterday, when that Honorable Member gave notice of the motion, the Honorable the Attorney-General submitted for his consideration that the Honorable Member was not entitled to place on record on the Notice Paper something which was absolutely untrue. The Attorney-General said that when the House had the assurance of the Minister in charge of Police that the statement contained in the notice was inaccurate, it should not be permitted to appear on the Notice Paper. In giving his ruling, he had said that if the motion was in accord with the Standing Order it would be permitted to appear, and the Honorable Member giving the notice would be responsible for the veracity of the statements that might appear therein. The Honorable the Attorney-General had been kind enough to refer him to a ruling which he gave on the 12th November, 1914, in connection with a Notice of Motion which had been tabled by the Honorable Member for Darlinghurst in these words :—

That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the extraordinary number of *nolle prosequis* entered by the Attorney-General during the last twelve months, it is advisable that in every case where such a step is henceforth taken a report be made to this House by the Minister, setting out his reasons for acting in this manner.

The Honorable the Attorney-General contended on that occasion as follows :—

This notice contains a statement of alleged fact that an extraordinary number of *nolle prosequis* have been entered during the last twelve months. Since this notice appeared he had had prepared a return, which he had just laid upon the Table, detailing the number of cases from 1904 to November, 1914, in which no bill was found, and also in which no further proceedings were taken. This showed that the statement made in Mr. Levy's notice was not correct. He quoted "May," 10th edition, p. 233, as to objectionable notices, and asked that the notice be therefore struck off the paper.

Mr. Speaker referred to *Votes and Proceedings* in connection with his ruling.

Mr. Speaker said when the notice was handed in it was apparently regular in every shape and form. It was based on a statement of fact which he assumed was correct. The return now tabled by the Attorney-General proved conclusively that it was not a statement of fact, and as it was calculated to give a wrong impression with regard to the administration of the law he would strike out the words which were objectionable, and the notice would in future appear without them and still be in such a form as would enable the Member in charge to express the full strength of his opinions thereon.

He had looked over the ruling which he gave on that occasion, and he did not consider that it had any applicability to the Notice of Motion handed in by the Honorable Member for Willoughby. In the first place, on the 12th November, 1914, exception was taken to a misstatement as being of an objectionable character. That was really as far as the motion was concerned what in legal phraseology might be termed a prefatory averment. It was really not absolutely essential to the motion. The essence of the motion was the advisability of the Attorney-General in any cases where he filed a *nolle prosequi* making a report to the House. The fact as to the practice or the attitude in regard to prosecutions was not in his judgment then and in his judgment now essential to the motion, though it may have been a very relevant matter in the course of the

debate

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debate as to whether it was advisable for the Honorable the Attorney-General to make a report. In the second place the Honorable the Attorney-General having tabled a return detailing the number of cases from 1904 to November, 1914, setting forth the actions of various Attorneys-General, he considered that as a Parliamentary document, a matter of record of which he could take official cognisance. Having been laid on the Table, it was an official document of the House. Apart from the question of the document he ruled the Notice of Motion in order after amending it by striking out the first two phrases which as he had already said were in the nature of a prefatory averment and not absolutely essential to the exposition of the motion, which was the advisability of the Honorable the Attorney-General making a report to the House in cases of *nolle prosequi*. With regard to the present matter he was placed in this very awkward position. The Colonial Secretary, from his place in the House, made a statement which practically placed the accuracy of the statement of the Honorable Member for Willoughby in issue. It seemed to him that if the mere denial by a Minister of a statement were to preclude a Notice of Motion being tabled, then the corner-stone of Parliament would be demolished, which provided for freedom of speech and the freest expressions in connection with the redress of grievances and the remedy of abuses; and, as far as his judgment went, the conflicts of Hampden and Pym and Holles, right down to Wilkes and Bradlaugh, would become meaningless constitutional episodes. He could not shut his eyes to the fact that in many cases the denial of a Minister might be in regard to something beyond the ambit of his personal knowledge and he was merely the conduit pipe of the Under-Secretary or some other Government official who might or might not consider himself to be on his defence in connection with the administration of the Department. There might be a *bona fide* difference of opinion as to what constituted a fact, as demonstrated by the two medieval knights who precipitated a conflict as to the composition of a statue, as to whether it was silver or bronze. One side of it being silver and the other bronze, both the knights, in their respective positions, were right and both wrong. There were so few people, if any, in this world who possessed a monopoly of the truth, that the great bulk of the human family would continue to make *bona fide* mistakes, and be under genuine misapprehensions. As far as this Notice of Motion was concerned, he had altered it by interpolating the word "alleged" in front of the word "retention." That, he thought, would meet all the exigencies for the time being, and thus the notice appeared on the Business Paper to-day.

2. PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) 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 authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the clerical and general divisions; to amend the Public Service 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.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 25th November, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 22. Omit "the" insert "any"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

3. PORT KEMBLA WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

Message No. 83.

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 carry out an agreement, dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon.

State Government House,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1915.

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

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next at 11:30 a.m.

Question put and passed.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

25th November, 1915.

5. PORT KEMBLA WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods ; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores ; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898 ; and for purposes consequent thereon.
Question put and passed.
6. QUARTER SESSIONS ENABLING BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions ; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.
Question put and passed.
7. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Estell 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, 1912, and the Weights and Measures Act, 1915 ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table the following papers :—
- (1.) *Erection of Dwellings for Workmen on Crown lands at North Stockton, near Newcastle, under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of dwellings for workmen on Crown lands at North Stockton, near Newcastle, under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912.
 - (2.) *Works for the manufacture of Portland Cement* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed works for the manufacture of Portland Cement.
 - (3.) *Scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Orange* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Orange.
Ordered to be printed.
10. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-first Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock, a.m.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1915.

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

UNVEILING OF PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE FREDERICK BRAUND, V.D., AND SERGEANT EDWARD RENNIX LARKIN:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That Mr. Speaker do unveil the permanent memorial to the late Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Braund, V.D., and Sergeant Edward Rennix Larkin, which this House, on 11th August, 1915, authorised Mr. Speaker to place within this Chamber.

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Waddell, *on behalf of Mr. Wade*, was put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers rising in their places in silence.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms, and accompanied by Mr. Holman and Mr. Waddell, proceeded to the Memorial which he thereupon unveiled, by drawing aside the Blue Ensigns with which it had been covered.

Mr. Speaker then resumed the Chair.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn until Four o'clock, This Day. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock, This Day.

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

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Nesbitt, *on behalf of Mr. Chaffey*, presented a Petition from certain landholders and ratepayers of the Shire of Peel, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to allow any person of 21 years of age to be enrolled as an elector of a Shire—any such person after six months' residence being enabled to be elected a Shire Councillor; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government (Franchise) Bill. Petition received.

4. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency The Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 84.

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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1915-16, and out of the Public Works Fund, and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1915.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

30th November, 1915.

5. DAIRY INDUSTRY 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 regulate the manufacture, sale, storage, transit, and export of dairy produce, including margarine, and for prescribing standards for the same; to provide for the testing, blending, mixing, and grading of cream, and the basis of payment for cream; for the grading and branding of butter; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901, and certain other Acts,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th November, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 11. Omit "milk or"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 11. Omit "collectively"
 Page 3, clause 5. At end of clause *add* new subclause (4):—"Nothing in this Act shall be taken
 "to abridge the powers vested in the Board of Health at the date of the passing of this Act."
 Page 3, clause 8, line 33. Omit "Minister" insert "Governor"
 Page 5, clause 14. Omit clause.
 Page 6, clause 15, line 3. Omit "in the same factory"
 Page 6, clause 15, line 3. Omit "four years" insert "one year"
 Page 6, clause 15, line 4. Omit "shall" insert "may"
 Page 6, clause 15. At end of clause *add* "on passing a practical test as prescribed"
 Page 6, clause 16, lines 7 and 8. Omit "publish in a newspaper circulating in the locality" insert
 "to suppliers"
 Page 6, clause 17, line 14. After "prescribed," insert "by regulations under the Commerce
 "(Trade Descriptions) Act, 1905"
 Page 6, clause 17, line 16. After "inspector" omit to end of paragraph, insert "shall give notice
 "to the owner or owners that such butter cannot be exported under the brand indicated on
 "the package"
 Page 6, clause 19, line 29. Omit "five" insert "ten"
 Page 6, clause 20, line 33. After "containing" insert "added"
 Page 6, clause 21. Omit clause.
 Page 7, clause 22, line 5. Omit "to be"
 Page 7, clause 22. At end of clause *add* "under the Pure Food Act, 1908"
 Page 7, clause 26. Omit clause insert new clause 26.

Appeals.

26. "A Board of Appeal shall be constituted by the Minister to deal with appeals from
 "decisions of inspectors. Such Board shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be
 "nominated by the Minister and shall be Chairman; one by the Board of Health, and one by
 "the managers of dairy produce factories.

"A right of appeal to such Board is conferred upon any person dissatisfied with a decision
 "of an inspector."

Page 9, clause 27. At end of subclause (1) *add* "Provided that all regulations made for the
 "purposes set out in paragraphs (h), (i), (j), (k), and (m) shall before publication be
 "recommended by the Minister of Public Health"

Page 9, clause 27. Omit subclause (3) insert new subclause (3).

(3) Such regulations shall—

(a) be published in the *Gazette* ;

(b) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in such
 regulations ; and

(c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if
 Parliament is in Session; and, if not, then within fourteen days after the
 commencement of the next Session. If either House of Parliament passes a
 resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have
 been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall
 thereupon cease to have effect.

Examined,

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be
 taken into consideration To-morrow.

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30th November, 1915.

6. **GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
G. STRICKLAND,
Governor. Message No. 85.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance, control, and administration of works of water supply for the towns of Grafton and South Grafton, and for the repayment of the cost of such works; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 30th November, 1915.

7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Papers relating to statements made by Dr. Ralph Worrall before the Select Committee on prevalence of Venereal Diseases in connection with certain improper practices alleged to be prevalent in the Police Service in connection with Prostitution.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF LAWS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kearsley, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection,"—And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 14th December.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1915, A.M.

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

10. **PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hall, 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 authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the clerical and general divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1915, A.M.

11. **AUCTIONEERS' LICENSING (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable auctioneers to sell wool, skins, and hides after sunset; to amend the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, and the Acts relating to early closing,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1915, A.M.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Latimer presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners desire in the fullest degree to share in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; and praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will extend the franchise for the election of Shire, Municipal, and Greater Sydney Aldermen and Councillors to all citizens of and over the age of twenty-one years.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Stormwater Drainage at Homebush.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Muswellbrook Railway.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wharfage at Carrington.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Statement and Papers respecting the Supply of Liquor to Troops who embarked on the "Euripides."

(2.) Statement regarding alleged utterances at a meeting of the Port Kembla Political Labor League regarding recruiting.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. BAKERIES BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the Commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1915, A.M.

Disorder:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported disorder in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the disorder had been dealt with by the House.

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The Temporary Chairman then reported the disorder as follows :—That he was in the act of ruling that the Honorable Member for Camperdown, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, should confine his remarks to the amendment before the Committee, when the Honorable Member deliberately interrupted him with offensive remarks, and called him "a stupid hulk," which remarks the Honorable Member refused to withdraw, and aggravated the offence by calling him "a stupid blockhead."

The Deputy-Speaker read the report from the Committee to the Honorable Member for Camperdown, and called upon him to withdraw the words complained of and apologise to the House.

And the Honorable Member refusing to comply with the Deputy-Speaker's direction,—

Mr. Holman moved, That the words used by the Honorable Member for Camperdown are highly disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn, and an apology made to this House.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker having called the attention of the Honorable Member to the resolution just passed, and the Honorable Member still persisting in his refusal to withdraw the words complained of and apologise,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker called upon the Honorable Member to withdraw, and the Honorable Member thereupon left the Chamber.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Camperdown, having been guilty of vexatiously interrupting the orderly conduct of the Business of this House, is guilty of contempt.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Camperdown, having been adjudged guilty of contempt, this House suspends the Honorable Member from the service of the House, until he apologises to the House.

Debate ensuing.

The Honorable Member for Hartley intimated that the Honorable Member for Camperdown was willing to withdraw the words complained of and apologise if permitted an opportunity to do so.

By direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the Honorable Member for Camperdown was admitted, and having made an explanation, withdrew the words complained of and apologised to the House.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Honorable Member for Camperdown, having withdrawn and apologised for the words used, this House is willing to accept his explanation and apology.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midday,—

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1915.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again, also 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 follows :—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1915-16.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,241, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1915-16.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,605, for Legislative Council, for the year 1915-16.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,736, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1915-16.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,683, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1915-16.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,430, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1915-16.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,018, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1915-16.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,881, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1915-16.

No. III.—PREMIER.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,369, for Premier's Office, for the year 1915-16.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5, for Executive Council, for the year 1915-16.

(13.)

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- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,442, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1915-16.
 (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,318, for Immigration and Tourist Bureau, for the year 1915-16.
 (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,483, for Immigration Department, New South Wales and Victoria (London), for the year 1915-16.
 (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,000, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.

No. IV.—COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,095, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1915-16.
 (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,272, for Auditor-General's Department, for the year 1915-16.
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,465, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1915-16.
 (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £562,103, for Police, for the year 1915-16.
 (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,980, for Bureau of Statistics and Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions, for the year 1915-16.
 (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £87,409, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.
 (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185,265, for Public Health, for the year 1915-16.
 (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £253,135, for Lunacy, for the year 1915-16.
 (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,098, for Master-in-Lunacy, for the year 1915-16.
 (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £757, for Dental Board, for the year 1915-16.
 (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Medical Board, for the year 1915-16.
 (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, for Board of Official Visitors, Hospitals for the Insane, for the year 1915-16.
 (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,670, for Meat Industry and Abattoirs Board, for the year 1915-16.
 (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £202,309, for Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services, for the year 1915-16.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,732, for Treasury, for the year 1915-16.
 (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,946, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1915-16.
 (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,582, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1915-16.
 (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1915-16.
 (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,878, for Government Printer, for the year 1915-16.
 (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,871, for Explosives, for the year 1915-16.
 (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,501, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1915-16.
 (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £87,213, for Navigation, for the year 1915-16.
 (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £356, for Australian Coast Lighthouses, for the year 1915-16.
 (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,760, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1915-16.
 (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,186, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1915-16.
 (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £133,270, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1915-16.
 (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £174,062, for Stores Supply Department for the year 1915-16.
 (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £308,929 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.
 (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1915-16.
 (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235,000, in aid of Public Works Fund, for the year 1915-16.

No. VI.—RAILWAYS.

- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,898,695, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1915-16.

No. VII.—

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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NO. VII.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,357, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1915-16.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,157, for Court Reporters for the year, 1915-16.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,221, for The Judges, for the year 1915-16.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,206, for Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce, for the year 1915-16.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,763, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1915-16.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,869, for Registrar in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1915-16.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,122 for Public Trustee, for the year 1915-16.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,426, for Probate Office, for the year 1915-16.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,260, for Sheriff, for the year 1915-16.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,296, for District Courts, for the year 1915-16.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,615, for Coroners, for the year 1915-16.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,329, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1915-16.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,371, for Prisons, for the year 1915-16.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,228, for Registrar-General, for the year 1915-16.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,804, for Public Service Board, for the year 1915-16.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,827, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £322,973, for Department of Lands, for the year 1915-16.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,796, for Western Land Board, for the year 1915-16.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,140 for Forestry, for the year 1915-16.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,588, for Miscellaneous Services (Department of Lands), for the year 1915-16.

NO. IX.—MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £102,214, for Establishment, for the year 1915-16.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £316,800, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1915-16.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,763, for Government Dockyard, Newcastle, for the year 1915-16.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £278,924, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1915-16.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,865, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1915-16.

NO. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MAIN ROADS.

- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,584,609 for Public Instruction, for the year 1915-16.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £151,365, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1915-16.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,556, 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 1915-16.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,408, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1915-16.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,183, for Observatory, for the year 1915-16.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,620, for Australian Museum, for the year 1915-16.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,947, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1915-16.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,026, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1915-16.
- (81.)

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- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for Conservatorium of Music, for the year 1915-16.
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,650, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1915-16.
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,210, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £363,211, for Local Government, and Main Roads, for the year 1915-16.

No. XI.—DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,404, for Department of Labour and Industry, for the year 1915-16.

No. XII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,469, for Department of Mines, for the year 1915-16.
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Geological Survey Laboratory, for the year 1915-16.
 (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,526, for Miners Accident Relief Board, for the year 1915-16.
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,865, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.

No. XIII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,249, for Agriculture for the year 1915-16.
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,076, for Stock, Brands, and Pastures Protection, for the year 1915-16.
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,206, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1915-16.
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,590, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1915-16.
 (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,546, for Garden Palace Grounds and Inner Domain, for the year 1915-16.
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,236, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1915-16.
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,487, for Centennial Park, for the year 1915-16.
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,428, for State Governor's Residences, ("Cranbrook" and "Hillview,") for the year 1915-16.
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,075, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1915-16.
 (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,215, for Miscellaneous Services (Agriculture), for the year 1915-16.
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,069, for Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, for the year 1915-16.
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,390, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1915-16.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1915, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1914-15, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1914-15, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,241 6s. 3d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1914-15, Consolidated Revenue Fund.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1915, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1914-15, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,940 19s. 1d., for Services of the year 1914-15.

Public Works Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1915-16.

- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £515,464, for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

Closer Settlement Fund.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATE, 1915-16.

- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, to provide for the Acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—further sum.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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5. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 follows:—

- (4.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—
- (a) For the Service of the financial year 1915–16, the sum of £13,863,370 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (b) In adjustment of the Vote “Advance to Treasurer, 1914–15,” for Services of the financial year 1914–15, the sum of £78,241 6s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (c) For Services of the financial year 1914–15, “Unauthorised in Suspense,” the sum of £81,940 19s. 1d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Works and Services, the sum of £515,464 be granted out of the Public Works Fund.
- (6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £150,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 4, 5, and 6,) 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, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote, “Advance to Treasurer,” 1914–15, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1914, to the 30th day of June, 1915 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments “Unauthorised in Suspense,” Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1914–15; 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. Cann 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, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote ‘Advance to Treasurer,’ 1914–15, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1914, to the 30th day of June, 1915 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments ‘Unauthorised in Suspense,’ Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1914–15; 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, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ball, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann 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, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote ‘Advance to Treasurer,’ 1914–15, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1914, to the 30th day of June, 1915 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments ‘Unauthorised in Suspense,’ Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1914–15; 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, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote ‘Advance to Treasurer,’ 1914–15, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1914, to the 30th day of June, 1915 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments ‘Unauthorised in Suspense,’ Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1914–15; 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, 2nd December, 1915.

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7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better government of the shires and municipalities; to extend the basis of representation and the powers and functions of local governing bodies; to make provision for insuring local governing bodies against certain risks; to establish bodies for the extirpation of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants; to repeal certain Acts; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better government of the shires and municipalities; to extend the basis of representation and the powers and functions of local governing bodies; to make provision for insuring local governing bodies against certain risks; to establish bodies for the extirpation of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants; to repeal certain Acts; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—(*Proposed New and Amended Standing Orders and Rescission of certain Standing Orders*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report on proposed New and Amended Standing Orders and the Rescission of certain Standing Orders.

Ordered to be printed.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—Mr. Griffith, pursuant to leave granted this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the better government of the shires and municipalities; to extend the basis of representation and the powers and functions of local governing bodies; to make provision for insuring local governing bodies against certain risks; to establish bodies for the extirpation of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants; to repeal certain Acts; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. PAPER:—Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Table of Contents of the Local Government Bill, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

11. APPROPRIATION 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 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, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote, 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1914-15, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1914, to the 30th day of June, 1915 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised and Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1914-15; 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, 2nd December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

12. FAIR RENTS BILL:—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 for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to some, amended other, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments in the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Seven o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.]

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF GEORGE ALLEN RICHARDS, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR DRUMMOYNE:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of George Allen Richards, Esquire, Member for Drummoyne, and, that this House do now adjourn.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

And Mr. Speaker having addressed the House,—

Question put, and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE :—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from the residents of the Shire of Lyndhurst, representing that Petitioners view with anxiety the proposal to pass a Local Government Act and incorporate provisions which will remove any limit to the rating powers of Shire and Municipal Councils, and which will also enable persons who do not pay rates to be enrolled as electors and to vote the same as those who do pay rates; that the insertion of such provisions in the law will be a grave injustice to all ratepayers and may subject them to ruinous taxation; and praying the House to either reject the provisions referred to or amend them by providing that adults, who under the present law are precluded from voting, may qualify themselves for such power by residing for a period of six months within a Municipality or Shire, and by paying to the proper officer, at least one month before any election or vote to be taken, the minimum rate provided by the present law.
Petition received.

2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Mr. Holman made a Ministerial Statement, indicating the measures which the Government proposed to deal with before the House adjourned for the Christmas recess.
Mr. Wade addressed the House.

3. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. C. T. Webb as a Surveyor, on probation, Land Board Office, Orange, Department of Lands.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.
- (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Dr. Laura Weir as Medical Officer, Department of Public Instruction.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices declaring that the Wheat Acquisition Act, 1914, as amended by the Wheat Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 1915, is continued to the 31st December, 1915, inclusive.
- (2.) Information respecting operations of the Wheat Acquisition Board.
- (3.) *Gazette* Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum wholesale and retail selling prices of Plum Puddings, in tins, manufactured in factories in Australasia; also varying the prices fixed for Cheese.
- (4.) Report of the Public Service Board for 1914.
- (5.) Public Service List for 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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8th December, 1915.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
- (2.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke by provision of access to the Water Supply Pumping Station at Blackheath.
- (3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury at Bon Accord.
- (4.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Wallangarra at Broadmeadow.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra at Erskineville.
- (6.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1915, together with Balance-sheets of the Savings Bank and Advance Departments (including the Closer Settlement Promotion Department, Advances for Homes Department, and Irrigation Farms Department), accompanied by Appendices and relative Profit and Loss Statements.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- (7.) Letter from the Honorable C. G. Wade, M.L.A., and subsequent correspondence regarding the unveiling of the Memorial to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Braund and Sergeant Larkin, on 30th November, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE EXTENSION 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 vest certain lands at Broken Hill in Trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a Trades Hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

5. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 86.

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, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916, (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1914-15, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1914, to the 30th day of June, 1915 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1914-15; 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,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1915.

6. **MEAT INDUSTRY 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

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

7. **FAIR RENTS BILL:**—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Black, 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 11th November, 1915, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Fair Rents Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, lines 8 and 9, which omits the words "two hundred and eight," and inserts the words "seventy-eight," but proposes to amend the amendment by omitting the words "seventy-eight," and inserting the words "one hundred and fifty-six."

Disagrees

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Disagrees to the amendment in clause 6, line 38, which omits the words "the application" and inserts the words "such determination,"—because if the fair rent were to operate only from the date of determination there would be a definite inducement to property owners to prolong the litigation, whereas the whole intention of the Bill is that the proceedings between the landlord and the tenant should be rapid, effective, and inexpensive.

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 8 and inserts a new clause 8,—because the introduction of representatives of the legal profession by one side would compel their employment by the other, thus seriously affecting the inexpensiveness of the procedure, which is one of the essentials of a measure of this nature.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 9, page 4, line 17, which omits all the words after "the" first occurring to the end of subclause (1) and inserts the words "capital sum which the fee-simple of the land might be expected to realise if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a *bona fide* seller would require,"—because the proposed amendment would fix the capital value on the existing rental and thus destroy the purpose of the measure, which is to secure for the tenant a rental based, not on what the exigencies of the position may compel him to pay, but on what is a fair value of the property, *i.e.*, the value of the land plus the cost of the building.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 9, which omits subclause (2),—because following the operations of the Bureau of Valuations, the value of land on the rate books of Shires or Municipalities will be its true ascertained value; for this reason the operation of this subclause is suspended until the 1st January, 1918; but proposes to amend the subclause by inserting before the word "The" first occurring the words "On and after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 9, lines 37, 38, and 39, which omits the words "but the fair rent shall not in any case exceed ten per centum of the capital value as ascertained under this section," and inserts the words "and plus such other outgoings and allowances as the court may deem proper and equitable in the circumstances of the case," but proposes to amend the amendment by omitting the words "and plus such other outgoings and allowances as the court may deem proper and equitable in the circumstances of the case."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 9 which omits the proviso at the end of the clause,—because the preceding clauses permit the court to give consideration to so many circumstances apart from the actual value of the property, that it is considered necessary to indicate to magistrates that the rents to be fixed are only in exceptional circumstances to be raised above the rates existing at the time of the introduction of the measure, and that the principal purport of the measure is to reduce rents, where same are found to be excessive or unreasonable. The Assembly having agreed to the abandonment of the ten per cent. maximum, renders the retention of this subclause absolutely necessary.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 11, page 5, lines 16 and 17, which omits the words "nor for three months thereafter,"—because the purpose of this clause is to prevent intimidation by unscrupulous property owners. Without the words under consideration it would be competent for a landlord, or his agent, to inform tenants that if they bring their cases before the court they will be evicted immediately on the fixing of the fair rent. As the compulsory continuance of the lease is based upon the condition of the tenant paying his rent regularly, and otherwise performing the conditions of his lease, no material hardship can ensue.

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 12,—because this clause is necessary to prevent evasion. Unscrupulous landlords or their agents would, if no such provision existed, be enabled to put a few chairs and tables into a cottage and claim the rent charged to be for a furnished cottage. (It might be pointed out that the occupant of a *bona fide* furnished cottage would be very unlikely to bring a case before the court, as furnished cottages, as a rule, are taken for such short periods as not to render an application to the court worth while.)

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 13, page 5, line 36, which omits the word "registrar" and inserts the word "court,"—because if the decision as to whether a fresh application should be made were to rest with the magistrate, the whole procedure of a fresh application would have to be undertaken as a preliminary, whereas the registrar could decide the matter on declarations submitted to him without putting either side to the trouble of appearing in support of or in opposition to the application.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 14, page 6, lines 7 and 8, which omits the words "or between the dates of application and determination,"—because the disagreement of the Assembly to the amendment in clause 6 renders the retention of these words necessary.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 24, page 8, which omits lines 13 and 14, and inserts a new paragraph,—because it is considered important to both property owners and tenants that all regulations under the Act, or amendments in such regulations, should become promptly effective and not be subject to the uncertainty or delay which would result from the procedure outlined by the suggested amendment.

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

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

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th December, 1915, A.M.

8. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

8th December, 1915.

9. BAKERIES BILL:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 87.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the Commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 1st December, 1915.

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

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the Commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dunn, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the Commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the Commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—FRIDAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman 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 4 o'clock, p.m., on Friday in each week, and Government Business only shall be dealt with.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

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

- (1.) Finance (Taxation) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 88.

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 increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers and bookmakers' clerks, and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1915.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

- (2.) Finance Taxation Management Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 89.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1915.

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

2. BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION 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 provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 9th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

3. EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Estell 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 opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half-holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

Question put and passed.

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4. MINES INSPECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the regulation and inspection of certain mines; to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to smelting works, quarries, and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

5. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. George Cann moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question put,—That the Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Price,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Mark F. Morton.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the requirements of Standing Order No. 175, that the majority should consist of "at least thirty Members," had not been complied with,—
Debate continued.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. McGirr.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

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 this Bill be now read a third time.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Griffith,	Tellers,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Dunn,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Page.
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Colquhoun,	Tellers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Price,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Black, *passed*.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughterhouses, cattle saleyards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughterhouses, cattle saleyards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such Board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-second Report from the Printing Committee.
7. BAKERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Waddell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
8. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Estell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1915, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Estell moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill in detail.

Question put.

The

9th December, 1915.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Nocs, 16.
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Captain Toombs,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Wright.	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Dunn,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Boston,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Fingleton,		Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Griffith,		Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. D. R. Hall,		Mr. Price,
Mr. Hickey,		Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Holman,		Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Kearsley,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Laug,		Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,		Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. McGirr,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

- (1.) *Railway from Mirool to Hillston*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed line of Railway from Mirool to Hillston, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Premises for the accommodation of the Department of Agriculture*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed premises for the accommodation of the Department of Agriculture, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) *Water Supply for the Town of Tamworth*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the town of Tamworth, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
 - (4.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Glen Innes*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Glen Innes, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
 - (5.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Orange*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Orange, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (6.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Inverell*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Inverell, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
10. **GILGANDRA TO COLLIE RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
 11. **ROSLYN TO TARALGA RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Roslyn to Taralga; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
 12. **BARMEDMAN TO RANKIN'S SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

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13. CANOWINDRA TO EUGOWRA RAILWAY BILL:—MR. J. H. Cann, 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 Canowindra to Eugowra; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
14. CRABOON TO COOLAH RAILWAY BILL:—MR. J. H. Cann 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 Craboon to Coolah; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
15. GRAFTON TO SOUTH GRAFTON RAILWAY BILL:—MR. J. H. Cann 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 Grafton to South Grafton; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m.
This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Burrinjuck Storage Reservoir.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Marrickville-road to Cook's River road Tramway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Butter.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The following Order of the Day was postponed:—"Public Accountants Bill; "resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hickey, 'That this Bill be now read "a second time,"—until Tuesday next.
3. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Mirool to Hillston Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 90.

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 Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

- (2.) Barmedman to Rankin's Springs Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 91.

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 Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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(3.) Gilgandra to Collie Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 92.*

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 Gilgandra to Collie ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

(4.) Canowindra to Eugowra Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 93.*

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 Canowindra to Eugowra ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

(5.) Craboon to Coolah Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 94.*

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 Craboon to Coolah ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

(6.) Grafton to South Grafton Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 95.*

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 Grafton to South Grafton ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

(7.) Roslyn to Taralga Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 96.*

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 Roslyn to Taralga ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

(8.) Inverell Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
*Governor.**Message No. 97.*

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 Inverell ; 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.

(9.)

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(9.) Tamworth Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 98

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 Tamworth ; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(10.) Glen Innes Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 99.

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 Glen Innes ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1915.

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

(11.) Orange Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 100.

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 Orange ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(12.) Department of Agriculture Building Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 101.

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 building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

4. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Stuart-Rebertson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Dunn,	
Mr. Duraek,	Tellers,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. James,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wade.
Tellers,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hoskins.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, *passed*.

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Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; 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 law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (WAR) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Holman, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- 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 next sitting day.
6. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—MONDAY:—Mr. D. R. Hall, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 4 o'clock, p.m., on Monday next, and Government Business only shall be dealt with.
- Question put and passed.
7. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—
- (1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the following Bills, namely:—
- Mirool to Hillston Railway Bill,
 - Barnedman to Rankin's Springs Railway Bill,
 - Gilgandra to Collie Railway Bill,
 - Canowindra to Eugowra Railway Bill,
 - Roslyn to Taralga Railway Bill,
 - Craboon to Coolah Railway Bill,
 - Grafton to South Grafton Railway Bill,
 - Department of Agriculture Building Bill,
 - Tamworth Water Supply Bill,
 - Glen Innes Water Supply Bill,
 - Orange Water Supply Bill, and
 - Inverell Water Supply Bill,
- be brought in and passed through all their stages in one day; and that Motions, without Notice, for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the—
- Mirool to Hillston Railway Bill,
 - Department of Agriculture Building Bill,
 - Tamworth Water Supply Bill,
 - Glen Innes Water Supply Bill,
 - Orange Water Supply Bill, and
 - Inverell Water Supply Bill,
- be considered this day.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the following Bills, namely:—
- Mirool to Hillston Railway Bill,
 - Barnedman to Rankin's Springs Railway Bill,
 - Gilgandra to Collie Railway Bill,
 - Canowindra to Eugowra Railway Bill,
 - Roslyn to Taralga Railway Bill,
 - Craboon to Coolah Railway Bill,
 - Grafton to South Grafton Railway Bill,
 - Department of Agriculture Building Bill,
 - Tamworth Water Supply Bill,
 - Glen Innes Water Supply Bill,
 - Orange Water Supply Bill, and
 - Inverell Water Supply Bill,
- being brought in and passed through all their stages in one day; and that Motions, without Notice for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the—
- Mirool to Hillston Railway Bill,
 - Department of Agriculture Building Bill,
 - Tamworth Water Supply Bill,
 - Glen Innes Water Supply Bill,
 - Orange Water Supply Bill, and
 - Inverell Water Supply Bill,
- be considered this day.
- Question put and passed.

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8. MIROOL TO HILLSTON RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately 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 Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of such line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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9. BARMEDMAN TO RANKIN'S SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

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(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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10. GILGANDRA TO COLLIE RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and (*after debate*) agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to 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 Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. CANOWINDRA TO EUGOWRA RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Canowindra to Eugowra; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 construction of a line of railway from Canowindra to Eugowra ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Canowindra to Eugowra ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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. Cann, 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 Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Canowindra to Eugowra ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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 Canowindra to Eugowra ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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2. ROSLYN TO TARALGA RAILWAY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 Roslyn to Taralga ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Roslyn to Taralga ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Roslyn to Taralga ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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. Cann, 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 Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Roslyn to Taralga ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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 Roslyn to Taralga ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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13. CRABOON TO COOLAH RAILWAY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 Craboon to Coolah ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Craboon to Coolah ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Craboon to Coolah ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Craboon to Coolah ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Craboon to Coolah ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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14. GRAFTON TO SOUTH GRAFTON RAILWAY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to South Grafton ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Grafton to South Grafton ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to South Grafton ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to South Grafton; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; 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 Grafton to South Grafton; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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15. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUILDING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. TAMWORTH WATER SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately 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 Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann 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 Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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17. GLEN INNES WATER SUPPLY BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. J. H. CANN moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately 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 Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann 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 Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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 municipality of Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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18. ORANGE WATER SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately 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 Orange; 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Orange; 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann 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 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 carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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19. INVERELL WATER SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately 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 Inverell; 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Inverell; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Inverell; and for purposes consequent thereon on incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Inverell; 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.)

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(4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann 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 Inverell; 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 water supply for the municipality of Inverell; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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20. JUNEES WATER SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply for the town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra dam; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 11th December, 1915, A.M.*

The House adjourned, at nine minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) List of officers employed by Messrs. Norton Griffiths & Company, who were not previously employed in the Public Service of the State.

(2.) Return with regard to the manufacture, purchase, and use by the Government of cement and earthenware pipes.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Information respecting item, "Motor-cars for use of Wives of Ministers," referred to in Auditor-General's Report for year ended 30th June, 1915, together with Vouchers.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. VACANT SEAT—DEATH OF GEORGE ALLEN RICHARDS, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR DRUMMOYNE:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Deputy Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on 4th December, 1915, of George Allen Richards, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, as Member for the Electoral District of Drummoyne.

(2.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That the seat of George Allen Richards, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Drummoyne, hath become, and is now, vacant, by reason of the death of the said George Allen Richards.

Question put and passed.

3. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (WAR) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Holman, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order:—Mr. Colquhoun submitted that this Parliament had no power to delegate to the Commonwealth any legislative powers expressly reserved to the State under the Commonwealth Constitution Act, thereby creating in effect an alteration of the Commonwealth Constitution Act, and that it was not within the power of Parliament to pass Acts *ultra vires* of the State Constitution.

Mr. Speaker said there could be no doubt that the Honorable Member for Mosman has made a very valuable contribution to the Debate from a constitutional point of view. But he could not shut his eyes to the fact that some very eminent lawyers, and especially those who framed the Constitution, must have well considered the framing of subsection 37 of section 51, dealing with matters referred to the Parliament of the Commonwealth by the Parliament or Parliaments of any State or States, but so that the law shall extend only to States by whose Parliaments the matter is referred, or which afterwards adopt the law. While his view had to a large extent been illuminated by the quotations made by the Honorable Member for Mosman from the last edition of the work by Dr. Dicey, he did not feel disposed to rule the Bill out of order. If it had the constitutional blemishes that were represented there was a power much more highly qualified than he was to rectify any error that may have been committed.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The

13th December, 1915.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Edden,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cocks,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Craue,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Robson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

Mr. Hall (*by consent*) moved, That this Bill be *now* read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. William Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cocks,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Waddell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed*.Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace.*"

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 refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 13th December, 1915.*

4. MIROOL TO HILLSTON RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mirool to Hillston; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 13th December, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

5. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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.

And

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13th December, 1915.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1915, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the manufacture, sale, storage, transit, and export of dairy produce, including margarine, and for prescribing standards for the same; to provide for the testing, blending, mixing, and grading of cream, and the basis of payment for cream; for the grading and branding of butter; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901, and certain other Acts.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915, A.M.

6. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 7th July, 1915; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
7. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
8. EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.
On motion of Mr. Estell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Estell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

HOLDING OF CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE BY PERSONS OF ENEMY ORIGIN :—The following Petitions from certain citizens of New South Wales, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will pass laws to provide that no persons of enemy origin, naturalised or unnaturalised, shall be entitled to the Parliamentary or Municipal Franchise without new and rigid safeguards; that hotel and wine licenses be withdrawn from such persons; and that no such persons be employed at the public risk in any Public Department or Service,—were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Wade.

At the request of Mr. Wade, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting-Clerk.

(2.) By Mr. Cohen.

(3.) By Mr. Waddell.

(4.) By Mr. James.

(5.) By Mr. Levy.

(6.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

(7.) By Mr. Fuller.

(8.) By Mr. Waddell.

(9.) By Mr. Fuller.

(10.) By Mr. Hoskins.

(11.) By Mr. Fallick.

(12.) By Mr. Grimm.

(13.) By Mr. Fuller.

(14.) By Dr. Arthur.

Petitions received.

2. **NORTHERN MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION SCHEME :—**Mr. Ball presented a Petition from residents on the banks of the creeks dependent on the Murrumbidgee Waters, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will not sanction the diversion of more water for the Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area without simultaneously making provision for assuring to the residents in the towns and on the lands along the course of the Yanko, Colombo, Billabong, and Forest Creeks, with their offshoots, a supply of water at least equal to that they have enjoyed in the past, and that the proposed diversion weir below the offtake of the Yanko Creek be constructed.
- At the request of Mr. Ball, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting-Clerk.

Petition received.

3. **PAPERS :—**

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Oaklands Water Supply.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico Railway.

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- (3.) Schedules 1 to 4, 1915-1916, Estimates, Public Works (Construction).
 (4.) Report of the Department of Public Works for year ended 30th June, 1915, together with Plans and Diagrams.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
 (2.) Report of the Department of Lands and Western Land Board for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
 (3.) Papers in connection with the removal of Mr. J. Barrie from the Local Land Board, Lismore.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Proclamation declaring "Fluorspar" to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Local Government Office for the year ended 30th June, 1915.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.
 (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Mr. Henri Verbruggen as Director of the New South Wales Conservatorium of Music.
 (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board relating to the appointment of Mr. A. S. Warwick as Registrar, Conservatorium of Music.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Return showing the number of Germans resident in New South Wales naturalised by the State and by the Commonwealth from 1884 to 1915.
 (2.) Reports of Mr. Niel Nielsen (Trade Commissioner for New South Wales at San Francisco) and Mr. P. E. Quinn (Deputy Commissioner at New York) regarding the establishment of a New South Wales Office in the latter city.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. LOAN ESTIMATES :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
 Governor.

Message No. 102.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1915-16, proposed to be provided for by loan.

*State Government House,
 Sydney, 9th December, 1915.*

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

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

- (1.) Public Service (Temporary Officers) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
 Governor.

Message No. 103.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the appointment as permanent officers of certain persons temporarily employed in the Public Service; to extend the age limit in the clerical and general divisions; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,
 Sydney, 13th December, 1915.*

- (2.) Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
 Governor.

Message No. 104.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable auctioneers to sell wool after sunset in the area of the municipality of Albury; to amend the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, and the Acts relating to early closing,"—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, 13th December, 1915.*

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14th December, 1915.

6. LIQUOR 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 alter the closing time of license premises and clubs under the Liquor Act, 1912, from eleven o'clock to ten o'clock at night; to alter the opening time for such premises; to make other provisions with respect to opening and closing times and the sale of liquor on Christmas Day and Good Friday; to fix the hours for the sale and supply of liquor in the Parliamentary Refreshment Room, and for those purposes to amend the said Act; and to amend the law relating to early closing,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th December, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, line 3. *Omit "ten" insert "nine"*

Title, lines 5 and 6. *Omit "opening and closing times and"*

At end of Title. *Add "and for other purposes of and incidental to the granting of publicans' licenses"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *Omit all the words after "one" to the end of clause, insert "of the Liquor Act, 1912, is amended by adding after the word 'Sunday' in paragraph (a) the words 'Good Friday or Christmas Day' and omitting paragraph (b) of section 57 of the Liquor Act, 1912"*

Page 2, clause 3, line 12. *Omit "ten" insert "nine"*

Page 2, clause 4, line 17. *Omit "ten" insert "nine"*

Page 2, clause 5, line 27. *Omit "ten" insert "nine"*

Page 2, after clause 5. *Insert new clause 6 as follows:—*

"Section nine subsection four of the Liquor Act, 1912, is amended in line 21 after the word 'store' by inserting the following words 'Then unless it also appear that such portion has no direct internal communication with the said licensed premises and that such portion is expressly excluded from the said license' and further by inserting after the word 'premises' in line 22 thereof the following words 'included in the said section.'"

Examined,

B. B. O'CONNOR,
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.

SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF LAWS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kearsley, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

(106.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1915-16, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,768,850 for Public Works and other Services.

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

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9. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—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 Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

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

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

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £7,768,850 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services.

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

10. **LOAN BILL**:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.

- (2.) Mr. Holman 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.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Bill be printed, and *now* read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. Waddell submitted that item "Housing Board—For the purchase or "resumption of land. . . . £50,000," was improperly before the House the proposal not having been submitted to and reported upon by the Public Works Committee as provided in section 34 of the Public Works Act.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said in view of the statement which had been made by the Premier upon authority, that this was portion of the scheme which was submitted on two occasions to the Public Works Committee which recommended the expenditure of £75,000 and £150,000, he ruled the item in order.

Further Point of Order:—Mr. Price submitted that the item "Agriculture—For the promotion "of Agriculture, Agricultural Colleges and Experiment and Demonstration Farms, £50,000," was not in order, the provisions of section 34 of the Public Works Act not having been complied with.

Mr. Speaker said that as the Premier had stated that the amount represented sums, none of which exceeded £20,000, he could not uphold the Point of Order.

Further Point of Order:—Mr. Price submitted that the item "Agriculture—Purchase of Site "for Horse breeding Farm and Improvements, £60,000," was out of order, the provisions of section 34 of the Public Works Act not having been complied with.

Mr. Speaker said that this was not a work within the meaning of section 34 of the Public Works Act. He ruled in accordance with a decision given on the proposal to purchase Trawlers, on the 8th December, 1914.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Seobie,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dooley,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Griffith,	

Noes, 19.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. William Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Price,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time,—put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, 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. Holman, *passed*.

Mr. Holman 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,

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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 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.

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Sydney, 15th December, 1915, A.M.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the introduction and passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

12. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

13. WAYS AND MEANS (*Taxation*) :—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 Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 follows :—

(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid an additional threepence in the pound income-tax on income received during the year 1915.

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid taxes on motor vehicles as follows :—

Any motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) which is propelled by any volatile spirit :—

	£	s.	d.
Of or under 12 horse-power	2	0	0
Over 12 and of or under 16 horse-power	3	0	0
" 16 " " 26	4	0	0
" 26 " " 33	7	0	0
" 33 " " 40	10	0	0
" 40 " " 60	15	0	0
" 60 horse-power	20	0	0

Any motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) which is propelled by electricity

... ..	4	0	0
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Any motor cycle or motor tricycle and any taxi-cab

... ..	1	0	0
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Provided that only half such amount shall be payable on any motor vehicle proved, to the satisfaction of the superintendent of traffic, to be—

a motor car used by a legally qualified medical practitioner principally for the purposes of his profession, or a motor car used by a clergyman principally in the discharge of his religious duties; or a motor car used entirely for private hiring purposes; but this provision shall apply only to one motor car used as aforesaid by a medical practitioner or clergyman;

a public motor car, except a taxi-cab; or

a trade motor vehicle.

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For the purposes of this resolution :—

- “Motor car” means motor vehicle constructed to be used principally for the carriage of persons, and having not less than four wheels.
- “Motor cycle” means motor vehicle having less than four wheels.
- “Motor vehicle” means motor car, motor cycle, or other vehicle under five tons unladen propelled wholly or partly by any volatile spirit, or by electricity, but does not include a vehicle used on a railway or tramway.
- “Public motor car” means motor car registered or licensed as an omnibus or as a stage carriage under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, or the Local Government Act, 1906, or the Stage Carriages Act, 1899, or any Act amending or consolidating any of those Acts.
- “Taxi-cab” means motor car, not being a public motor car, licensed to ply or stand for hire in a public street under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, or the Local Government Act, 1906, or any Act amending or consolidating any of those Acts.
- “Trade motor vehicle” means motor vehicle registered under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, as a lorry, or licensed as a motor van under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

The horse power of a motor vehicle propelled by volatile spirit shall be determined by squaring the measurement in inches of the internal diameter of the cylinder of the engine, multiplying the number so found by the number of cylinders, and dividing the product by 2.5.

(10.) *Resolved*,—

That towards raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty there shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid, taxes as follows :—

(a) Every racing club and racing association shall be liable to pay and shall pay to His Majesty a tax of the following percentages of all moneys received by it during the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen from any bookmaker for a license or registration fee, or for a permit to carry on his business as a bookmaker ; namely :—

Twenty-five per centum where the license or registration fee or permit is for a racecourse situate within forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, or within twenty miles from the Post Office, Newcastle.

Ten per centum where the license or registration fee or permit is for a racecourse situate beyond forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, and beyond twenty miles from the Post Office, Newcastle.

(b) Every bookmaker who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen holds a license issued at any time by the Australian Jockey Club to carry on his business at race meetings on the Randwick Racecourse shall for each such year in which he holds such license pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If the license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be fifty pounds ;

If for theieger reserve, the amount shall be twenty pounds ;

If for the flat, the amount shall be five pounds.

(c) Every bookmaker registered by the Australian Jockey Club to bet at meetings for horse racing on racecourses other than the Randwick Racecourse, and situate within forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such racecourse to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be twenty pounds ;

If no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be ten pounds.

(d) Every bookmaker registered by the Associated Racing Clubs (Ponies) to bet at meetings for pony racing on racecourses situate within forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such racecourse to carry on his business thereon, shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be twenty pounds ;

If no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be ten pounds.

(e) Every bookmaker registered by the Newcastle Registration Board to bet on racecourses within twenty miles from the Post Office, Newcastle, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such racecourse to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be twenty pounds ;

If no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be ten pounds.

(f) Every bookmaker registered by the Newcastle Registration Board to bet on racecourses within forty miles and beyond twenty miles from the Post Office, Newcastle, and who at any

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time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such racecourse to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be ten pounds ;

if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be five pounds.

(g) Every bookmaker registered by the Broken Hill Registration Board to bet on racecourses within thirty miles from the Post Office, Broken Hill, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such racecourse to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be ten pounds ;

If no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be five pounds.

(h) Every bookmaker registered by any of the following associations—

- the Western District Racing Association ;
- the Southern District Racing Association ;
- the Northern and North-western Districts Racing Association ;
- the Central Western District Racing Association ;
- the Northern Rivers Racing Association ;
- the Central North Coast Racing Association,

to bet on racecourses within the respective districts of such associations, and who at any time in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, or the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, holds a license issued at any time by the racing club managing any such racecourse to carry on his business thereon shall, for each such year in which he holds such license, and in respect of each registration as aforesaid by any such association, pay to His Majesty a tax of the amount following :—

If any such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount of the tax shall be ten pounds ;

if no such license is for the saddling paddock, the amount shall be five pounds.

(i) There shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid a duty for, and in respect of every betting ticket issued by or on behalf of a bookmaker as follows :—

Where such ticket is issued in the saddling paddock of any racecourse, the amount of the duty shall be one penny.

Where such ticket is issued in any part of any racecourse except the saddling paddock the amount of the tax shall be one half-penny.

On the motion of Mr. Holman, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

14. FINANCE (TAXATION) BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Holman, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 8, 9, and 10) to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles ; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914 ; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers ; and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets ; and for purposes consequent thereon, or incidental thereto.

(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles ; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914 ; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers ; and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets ; and for 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. Holman, 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. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

15. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved,—“That this Bill be now read a second time,”

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

14th December, 1915.

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

(1.) Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) Barmedman to Rankin's Springs 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 Barmedman to Rankin's Springs; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(3.) Gilgandra to Collie 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 Gilgandra to Collie; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(4.) Canowindra to Eugowra 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 Canowindra to Eugowra; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(5.) Roslyn to Taralga 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 Roslyn to Taralga; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(6.) Craboon to Coolah 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 Craboon to Coolah; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(7.) Grafton to South Grafton 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 Grafton to South Grafton; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(8.)

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(8.) Tamworth 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 Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the Municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(9.) Glen Innes 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 Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(10.) Orange 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 Orange; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(11.) Inverell 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 Inverell; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1915.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) *Gazette Notices* setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
 - (3.) Minute of the Public Service Board recommending the appointment of Mr. M. S. Benjamin as Lecturer in Chemistry and Soil Physics, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Department of Agriculture.
 - (4.) Return respecting Wagga Wagga-Tumberumba Railway.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Eight Hours Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the hours of work in certain industries and the payment of overtime; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

EIGHT HOURS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2. After clause 1 *insert* new clause to stand as clause 2 as follows:—

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Continuous process industry" means any industry or any branch thereof in which one hundred and twenty hours or more per week are worked.

"Overtime" means—

- (a) time worked in excess of the days or hours limited by this Act; or
- (b) time worked on any day before the fixed or recognised times of starting or after the fixed or recognised times of leaving off work on such day in any industry or calling or by any class or shift employed in any industry or calling.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 12. After "days" *insert* "except in the case of those engaged in continuous process work"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 13. *Omit* "six" *insert* "fourteen"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 14. *Omit* "forty-eight" *insert* "ninety-six"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 16. *Omit* "forty-four" *insert* "eighty-eight"

- Page 2, clause 3. At end of paragraph (a) *add* "except in cases of accident, emergency, or other unavoidable contingency"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 24. *Omit* "and" *insert* "or"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 26. *Omit* "upon any day" *insert* "during any shift"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 26. *Omit* "day" secondly occurring, *insert* "shift"

- Page 2, clause 3, line 28. After "eighty" *insert* "two"

- Page 2, clause 3. At end of paragraph (b) *add* "It shall not be deemed to be a contravention of any provision of this paragraph, if in the case of mines where the underground employees are lowered and raised by mechanical means the working time be reckoned from the time the last employee in the shift leaves the surface to the time the first employee in the shift returns to the surface"

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Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* paragraph (c)

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* paragraph (d) *insert* new paragraph as follows:—

“Overtime may be permitted by the terms of any award or industrial agreement, and shall be paid at a rate to be fixed by the Court, or the Board, or by an industrial agreement:

“Provided that necessary overhauling or repair work in mines which is carried on before or after the fixed or recognised hours for starting or leaving off work shall not on that account be deemed overtime.”

Page 3, clause 3, paragraph (e), line 7. *Omit* all the words after “may” to end of paragraph, *insert* “for any good and sufficient reason prohibit or restrict the working of overtime in any industry or calling”

Page 3, clause 3. *Omit* paragraph (f)

Page 3, clause 3. *Omit* paragraph (g) *insert* new paragraph as follows:—“The number of days or hours to be worked in any industry or calling or in any branch or shift thereof may be increased beyond those limited in subsection (a) by award if the Court or Board consider that in the interests of the industry or calling or in the public interest such increase should be allowed.”

Pages 3 and 4, clause 3, subclause (2), line 41. *Omit* “callings and subject to such conditions as may be thought proper to impose” *insert* “sections of industries”

Page 4, clause 5, line 14. Before “The” *insert* “But”

Examined,—

B. B. O’CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(2.) Fair Rents Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly’s Message, dated the 9th December, 1915, a.m., in reference to the Fair Rents Bill—

Insists upon its amendment in clause 6, line 38, which omits the words “the application” and inserts the words “such determination,”—because it makes more satisfactory provision than the clause in its original form.

Insists upon its amendment which omits clause 8 and inserts a new clause 8,—because neither the court nor the parties should be deprived of the benefit of legal assistance.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 9, page 4, line 17, which omits all the words after “the” first occurring to the end of subclause (1) and inserts the words, “capital sum which the fee-simple of the land might be expected to realise if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a *bona fide* seller would require,”—because the original clause contravenes the scientific principles of land valuation as defined in the Valuation of Land Bill, 1915, accepted by both Houses of Parliament.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 9, which omits subclause (2),—because it is not conducive to a correct estimate of value that books, in many cases admittedly inaccurate, should be received as conclusive evidence, and there is no certainty that this condition of affairs will be bettered by the 1st day of January, 1918.

Disagrees to the Assembly’s amendment upon the Council’s amendment in clause 9, lines 37, 38, and 39, which omits the words “but the fair rent shall not in any case exceed ten per centum of the capital value as ascertained under this section,” and insert the words “and plus such other outgoings and allowances as the Court may deem proper and equitable in the circumstances of the case,” but proposes to amend the amendment by omitting the words “and plus such other outgoings and allowances as the court may deem proper and equitable in the circumstances of the case,”—because it is expedient that in such matters the Court should have unfettered discretion.

Does not insist upon its amendment in clause 9, which omits the proviso at the end of the clause, but proposes to amend same by the omission of the word “special” in the first line of such proviso,—because it is expedient that the Court be allowed to take into consideration all the circumstances of the case.

Does not insist upon its amendment in clause 11, page 5, lines 16 and 17, which omits the words “nor for three months thereafter,” but proposes to amend same by adding at the end thereof the words “without reasonable cause,”—because cases may occur where the conduct of a tenant might be such that the landlord ought to have the power to evict him within that period.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 14, page 6, lines 7 and 8, which omits the words, “or between the dates of application or determination,”—because it is consequential upon its amendment made in clause 6.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 24, page 8, which omits lines 13 and 14, and inserts a new paragraph,—because under the amendment the regulations become immediately effective on publication in the *Gazette*, and it reserves to either House of Parliament its undoubted right of disallowance.

And the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in such further amendments.

Agrees to the Assembly’s amendment upon the Council’s amendment in clause 3.

And does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council’s Message in reference to this Bill be taken into consideration at later hour of the day.

(3.)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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(3.) Commonwealth Powers (War) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

3. BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL SITE EXTENSION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 105.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain lands at Broken Hill in trustees on trust for the purposes of and in connection with a trades hall; to amend the Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Act of 1898; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 14th December, 1915.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury by provision of new station between Karoola and Penrose.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.5. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

6. CLERICAL WORKERS (REPEAL) 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 repeal the Clerical Workers Act, 1910,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

7. FINANCE (TAXATION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers, and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets; 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 increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers, and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-third Report from the Printing Committee.

9. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

15th—17th December, 1915.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.*

10. PAPERS:—Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

(2.) Amended Regulation No. 28 under the Dentists Act, 1912. ■

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to some and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Holman the report was adopted.

12. CASE OF DENIS MAGUIRE:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on Case of Denis Maguire have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) 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, 15th December, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

(2.) Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 23rd November, 1915, in reference to the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2),—

Insists upon its amendment which omits clause 68,—

(1) Because the proposal in the clause is not equitable.

(2) Because the principle in the clause is contrary to those recognised as fair and equitable in the Acts relating to resumptions for public purposes.

(3) Because the clause may involve that in one resumption there may be two different tribunals dealing with one and the same matter, involving citizens in two actions at law in place of one as under the present law.

(4) Because as a general rule a resumption, *e.g.*, for railways, &c., applies to only a portion of a parcel of land in which event a new valuation would be required, making the original valuation useless and superfluous. In these circumstances the main argument that the one valuation applies for taxation and resumption purposes alike fails.

Does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(3.) Meat Industry Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter-houses, cattle saleyards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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, 15th December, 1915*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

MEAT

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

15th—17th December, 1915.

MEAT INDUSTRY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1915.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "Nothing in this Act shall be taken to abridge the powers vested in the Board of Health at the date of the passing of this Act"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 16. *Omit* "three" *insert* "five"
- Page 6, clause 8, subclause (4). At end of subclause *add* "and shall be eligible for reappointment"
- Page 10, clause 19, line 8. After "abattoir" *insert* "Provided that if the consent of the Board is asked to the slaughtering of any cattle or the dressing of carcasses for human consumption at the works of the Riverstone Meat Company, Limited, at Riverstone, or at the works of John Cooke and Company, Limited, at Sandown, or at the works of the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, at Auburn, or at any premises within the County of Cumberland but outside the area defined in Schedule III hereto, such consent shall not be refused except on the ground that the premises in which it is proposed that such slaughtering or dressing shall be carried on do not comply with the requirements prescribed by the Board as to construction and sanitation."
- Page 20, *Add* new Schedule, Schedule III as follows:—

Description.

"The whole of that portion of the County of Cumberland included within the boundaries of the area defined by lines on the north, west, and south, approximately distant 15 miles north, west, and south of the main entrance on the Parramatta-road to the abattoirs at Homebush Point: Commencing on the shore of the South Pacific Ocean, being the eastern boundary of National Park, at a point due east of the south-east corner of Owen Byrne's portion Number 5 of 400 acres (Yarmouth Estate), in the parish of Wattamolla; and bounded thence on the south by lines bearing westerly to brick siding on the Sydney to Nowra railway line, again westerly to Leumeah railway station on the Liverpool to Picton railway line, and again westerly to Badgelly trigonometrical station in the parish of Narellan; on the west by a line passing west of Rooty Hill and Riverstone and bearing northerly to the junction of Saunders' road (municipality of Windsor) with the Wiseman's Ferry road in the parish of Pitt Town; and thence on the north by a line bearing easterly to the eastern extremity of the northern side of Bassett-street, Mona Vale, near Mermaid's Basin, on the sea coast; and thence by the sea coast generally southerly to the point of commencement."

Examined,
B. B. O'CONNOR,
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.

14. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

15. SYDNEY CORPORATION (ELECTION OF MAYOR) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902,"—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. Holman, 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. Holman, 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 provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902."
Question put and passed,

Ordered,

15th—17th December, 1915.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney 15th December, 1915.*

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

(1.) Finance (Taxation) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers, and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President

(2.) Finance Taxation Management Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of Taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 15th December, 1915.*

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President.

FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th December, 1915.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, lines 2, 3, and 4. *Omit* "to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under the Act."

Page 2, clause 1. *Add* new subclause (3) as follows :—"This Act shall be read with the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, in respect of bookmakers, race-meetings, and race-courses."

Page 3, clause 6. *Omit* clause.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,
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.

17. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. 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 14th December, 1915, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Liquor Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendments in the Title, and in clauses 3, 4, and 5 respectively, which omit the word "ten" and insert the word "nine,"—because the disturbance of the established habits of the community involved in closing hotels at nine o'clock is greater than can be justified.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill, including the other amendments in the Title.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from the Council's amendments in the Bill.

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Sydney, 15th December, 1915.*

18. FAIR RENTS BILL :—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 for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 15th December, 1915, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had insisted upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, and upon its amendment upon the Council's amendment, and disagreed to the Council's further amendments. On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Mr.

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Mr. Griffith moved, 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 15th December, 1915, in reference to the Fair Rents Bill, insists upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, and upon its amendment upon the Council's amendment and disagrees to the Council's further amendments.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreements, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf, viz. :—Mr. Griffith, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Wright, Mr. Durack, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Fingleton, and Mr. Morrish.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Estell,	Tellers,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 14

Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Zuill.
Tellers,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Robson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

19. APPRENTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.

20. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Tramway from Burns' Bay road, Longueville, to the Ryde Tramway, via Fig Tree Bridge*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Burns' Bay road, Longueville, to the Ryde Tramway, via Fig Tree Bridge.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Manufacture of Portland Cement at Carlos Gap*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of establishing and equipping works for the manufacture of Portland Cement at a site at Carlos Gap.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *Railway from Cobar to the C.S.A. Mines*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 the C.S.A. mines.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Railway from Maryvale to Gulgong*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Maryvale to Gulgong.

Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit after midnight,—

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(5.) *Tramway from Bondi-road to Bronte, via York-road, Birrell-street, and Murray-street*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Bondi-road to Bronte, via York-road, Birrell-street, and Murray-street.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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- (6.) *Tramway from Cook's River road to Rockdale, via West Botany street*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 the Cooks' River road to Rockdale, via West Botany street.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Railway from Thornton to Aberdare*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Thornton to Aberdare.
Question put and passed.
- (8.) *Construction of Sewerage System for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Districts*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 system of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown districts.
Question put and passed.
- (9.) *Tramway from Cook's River road to Gardener's-road*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Cook's River road to Gardener's-road.
Question put and passed.
- (10.) *Augmentation of Sydney Water Supply by the Construction of a Dam on the Warragamba River*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme to augment the Sydney Water Supply and provide for the conservation of water by the construction of a Dam on the Warragamba River.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
21. SYDNEY CORPORATION (ELECTION OF MAYOR) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1915, A.M.
FRED. FLOWERS,
President.
- SYDNEY CORPORATION (ELECTION OF MAYOR) BILL.
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th December, 1915, A.M.
W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.
- Page 2, clause 2. *Omit clause.*
Page 2. After clause 2 omitted *add* new clause to stand as clause 2 as follows:—
2. "If the Aldermen of the City of Sydney fail to elect a Lord Mayor before the thirtieth day of December in any year, the Governor may appoint some member of the Council to be "Lord Mayor."
Examined,
B. B. O'CONNOR,
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.
22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—
(1.) *Augmentation of the Sydney Water Supply by the construction of a Dam on the Cordeaux River*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme to augment the Sydney Water Supply by the construction of a Dam on the Cordeaux River.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Deviation of the Great Western Railway between Raglan and Kelso*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a proposed deviation of the Great Western Railway between Raglan and Kelso.
Question put and passed.
- And the House continuing to sit after Midday,—
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23. EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

On

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On motion of Mr. Estell, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

24. FAIR RENTS BILL (*Free Conference*):—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 15th December, 1915, on the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, and the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Council and insisted on by the Assembly, and the Council's further amendments upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Fair Rents Bill; and appoints that the same be held in the No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at Six o'clock p.m.; and that the Honorable J. Garland, the Honorable W. T. Dick, the Honorable Sir Thomas Hughes, the Honorable W. Robson, the Honorable J. G. Farleigh, the Honorable G. F. Earp, the Honorable J. Meagher, the Honorable Sir Joseph Carruthers, the Honorable L. F. Heydon, the Honorable W. F. Hurley, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

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FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Griffith, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the time and place appointed by the Legislative Council in its Message, dated 16th December, 1915, for a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendments in the Fair Rents Bill.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

(3.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely, Mr. Griffith, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Wright, Mr. Durack, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Fingleton, and Mr. Morrish,—all of whom answered to their names.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers returned.

25. PAPERS:—Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Director-General of Public Health for 1914.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(3.) Notifications of resumptions of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes, at Ulong, Belmore, Fernthorpe, Bialla, and Bowman.

Ordered to be printed.

26. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 15th December, 1915, in reference to the Liquor Amendment Bill,—

Insists upon its amendments in the Title, and in clauses 3, 4, and 5 respectively, which omit the word "ten" and insert the word "nine" disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill,—

(1.) Because the reduction of one hour for the sale of liquor is wholly inadequate as a war measure for checking excess among our young soldiery.

(2.) Because the Minister in charge of Military Affairs of the Commonwealth has declared that every evening hour during which the hotels are closed makes increasingly for military efficiency.

(3.) Because the lessened danger of opportunities for indulgence in drink resulting from the earlier closing of hotels would induce parents to give their sons more freely for the Empire's defence.

(4.) Because in war time it is incumbent on the State to promote by every means the practice of economy.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

27. EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Estell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

15th—17th December, 1915.

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 opening and closing hours for butchers' shops ; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910 ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1915.*

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
- 9 PAPER :—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Return showing approximate number of recruits enlisted in the various Electorates of the State from August, 1914, to 30th November, 1915.
Ordered to be printed.
0. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES :—Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases" have leave to make visits of inspection from time to time, accompanied by a Shorthand-writer, within the States, for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House for the purpose of making such visits of inspection.
Question put and passed.
1. COMMONWEALTH LOANS (INVESTMENT ENABLING) BILL :—
- (1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—
- G. STRICKLAND, *Message No. 106.*
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth.
- State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth.
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 trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth.
- On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (4.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
- (5.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Holman, 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 amendments.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (6.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, *passed*.
Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth.*"
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 trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1915.*

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32. PROBATE DUTIES WAR EXEMPTION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 107.

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 exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

State Government House,
Sydney, 15th December, 1915.

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

(2.) Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.
Question put and passed.

(3.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

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

Ordered, on motion of 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 exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

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

(4.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(5.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(6.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

33. NEWCASTLE DISTRICT ABATTOIR AND SALE-YARDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

34. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

15th—17th December, 1915.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughterhouses, cattle saleyards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney, by a board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it; to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

35. FINANCE TAXATION MANAGEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title. On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to give certain rights to bookmakers paying the tax under that Act; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

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Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

36. SYDNEY CORPORATION (ELECTION OF MAYOR) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

37. FAIR RENTS BILL (*Free Conference*):—Mr. Griffith, on behalf of the Managers, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—
THE MANAGERS, appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 15th December, 1915, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the amendments and disagreements with the amendments in the Fair Rents Bill, report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolutions were agreed upon, viz.:—

(1.) That clause 6, page 3, line 38, be amended by omitting all the words after "from" to the end of the clause, and inserting the words "a date not earlier than the date of such application."

(2.) That clause 8, page 4, be omitted, and a new clause 8 inserted in lieu thereof.

(3.) That clause 9 be made to read as follows:—

(1.) "In determining the fair rent the Court shall first ascertain the capital value of the dwelling-house. Such capital value shall be the unimproved value of the land being the capital sum which the fee-simple of the land might be expected to realise if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a *bona fide* seller would require, assuming that the improvements, if any, thereon or appertaining thereto, had not been made, plus the estimated cost of erecting a similar dwelling-house thereon at the time of the receipt of such application, less such fair and reasonable sum as may be estimated for any depreciation."

(2.) "The Court shall determine the fair rent at a rate of not less than the rate of interest which is for the time being charged upon overdrafts by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and not more than two and a half per centum above such last-mentioned rate on the capital value of the dwelling-house determined as aforesaid, plus the annual rates and taxes on the same, plus the amount estimated to be required annually for repairs (including painting), maintenance, and renewal, and plus insurance of any buildings, and plus an amount estimated to be the annual depreciation in value of the buildings, if such depreciation diminishes their letting value, and plus such amount (if any) as the Court may deem proper to be allowed for the estimated time per year when the dwelling-house may be untenanted;"

(4.)

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(4.) That the proviso at the end of clause 9 be restored, and the word "special" in line 1 thereof be omitted.

(5.) That on page 5, clause 11, the words "nor for three months thereafter" be reinserted, with the addition of the words "without reasonable cause."

(6.) That clause 14, page 6, be amended in lines 7 and 8, by the omission of the words "between the dates of application and determination" and the insertion in lieu thereof of the following words, "any period subsequent to the date fixed by the Court."

(7.) That the new paragraphs in lieu of lines 13 and 14, page 8, clause 24, be agreed to.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH.

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference, stand and Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

38. CLERICAL WORKERS (REPEAL) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Holman, The report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the Clerical Workers Act, 1910.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Clerical Workers Act, 1910,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

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

(1.) Probate Duties War Exemption Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to exempt certain estates from Stamp and Probate Duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

(2.) Commonwealth Loans (Investment Enabling) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

(3.) Early Closing (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th December, 1915.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

40. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman stated that in consequence of the amendment insisted upon by the Legislative Council, the Government did not at present propose to proceed with the Liquor Amendment Bill.

41. FAIR RENTS BILL (*Free Conference*):—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council, having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 9th December, 1915, and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Fair Rents Bill,—

Still insists upon its amendment in clause 6, line 38, which omits "the application" and inserts "such determination," disagreed to by the Assembly, but proposes to further amend the clause by omitting all the words after "from" to the end of clause, and inserting "a date not earlier than the date of such application."

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Still insists upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly, which omits clause 8 and inserts a new clause 8 in lieu thereof.

Still insists upon its amendment in clause 9, paragraph (1) disagreed to by the Assembly, but amends such paragraph to read as set forth in the report of the Managers of the Free Conference on the said Bill tabled this day.

Still insists upon its amendment in clause 9, subclause 2, which omits the subclause.

Insists on some and does not insist on others of its amendments in subclause 3 of clause 9, so that the said subclause shall read as new subclause (2) as set out in the report of the Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

No longer insists on its amendment which omits the proviso at the end of clause 9 disagreed to by the Assembly, but proposes to amend the said proviso by omitting the word "special" in the first line thereof.

No longer insists on its amendment in clause 11, page 5, lines 16 and 17, which omits the words "nor for three months thereafter" but proposes to further amend the clause by the addition of the words "without reasonable cause."

Insists upon that part of its amendment in clause 14, lines 7 and 8, which omits the words "between the dates of application and determination" and proposes to further amend the said clause by the insertion after the word "or" in line 7 of the words "any period subsequent to the date fixed by the Court" in lieu thereof.

Still insists upon its amendment in clause 24, page 8, which omits lines 13 and 14 and inserts a new paragraph.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1915.*

FRED. FLOWERS,
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolutions adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly, and no longer insists upon the Assembly's disagreements to the Council's amendments, and agrees to the Council's further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 16th December, 1915, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the amendments in the Fair Rents Bill,—

No longer insists upon the Assembly's disagreements to the Council's amendments insisted on by the Council, and agrees to the Council's further amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th December, 1915.*

42. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 29th February, 1916.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1915, A.M.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday, 29th February, 1916, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY, 1916.

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

VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) *Electoral District of Drummoyne*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 13th December, 1915, declaring the seat of the late George Allen Richards, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Richards; and that, during the adjournment, such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Alexander Graff, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Drummoyne.

(2.) *Electoral District of Parramatta*:—Mr. Speaker also informed the House,—

(1.) That during the adjournment, in accordance with the direction of the 70th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, he had issued a writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Parramatta, in the room of Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire, deceased.

(2.) That the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the Election of Albert Bruntnell, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen were introduced, and having each taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took their seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

Alexander Graff, Esquire, for Drummoyne.

Albert Bruntnell, Esquire, for Parramatta.

3. ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF THOMAS ROBERT MOXHAM, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR PARRAMATTA:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of Thomas Robert Moxham, Esquire, Member for Parramatta, and, that this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock, this evening.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes before Five o'clock, until Seven o'clock this evening.

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

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the City and Suburban Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the City and Suburban Railway.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the City and Suburban Railway.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for establishment of Police Station at Catherine Hill Bay.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Muswellbrook to Merriwa Railway.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Muswellbrook to Merriwa Railway.

(7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Muswellbrook to Merriwa Railway

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- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Parkes to Peak Hill Railway.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for additional shipping facilities at Coff's Harbour.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for a Dry Dock at Ashby.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Cooma to Bombala Railway.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of High-level Service Reservoir for Water Supply at Cooma.
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Sydenham to Botany Railway.
- (20.) By-laws for the Municipality of Murwillumbah, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (21.) By-laws for the Municipality of Bathurst, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Fisheries Acts.
- (2.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Miss E. M. Kirton as Dispenser, on probation, Newington Asylum, Department of Public Health.
- (3.) Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales for 1915.
- (4.) Additional Regulation under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Liquor Question—Memorandum relating to hours of closing in the other States and New Zealand; and the circumstances of the military riots which have occurred since then.
- (2.) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912—Instructions to the Collector of the State Electoral List, 1916, with special regard to members of Expeditionary Forces.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement of receipts and expenditure of the Wentworth Irrigation Area for 1915.
- (2.) Statement of receipts and expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Area for 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under Fair Rents Act, 1915.
- (2.) Amended and new regulations under Public Trustee Act, 1913.
- (3.) Regulations under Prisons Act, 1899.
- (4.) Gazette Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, regarding the prices of Butter (3rd January, 1916); Butter (10th January, 1916); Kerosene, Benzine, Heavy Benzine, Motor Spirit, and Benzoline (10th January, 1916); Milk, Rice (10th January, 1916); Sugar, Oatmeal, Cordials, Aerated Waters, Hop-beers, Ginger Beer, &c., (25th January, 1916); Butter (7th February, 1916); Cheese, Bran and Pollard, Cordials, Aerated Waters, &c., (16th February, 1916); Butter (16th February, 1916); Jam, Rice (23rd February, 1916); Cordials, Aerated Waters, &c., (23rd February, 1916); Kerosene, Benzine, Heavy Benzine, Motor Spirit, and Benzoline (23rd February, 1916).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations Nos. 267 to 280, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (2.) Report of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales for 1915.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Picton and Mittagong, by deviation near Picton.
- (4.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Narrandera and Tecumwal, by provision of Trucking Yards at Widgiewa.
- (5.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Harden and Blayney, by provision of Additional Traffic Accommodation at Woodstock.
- (6.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1915.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplication near Jerrawa.

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- (8.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Werris Creek and Narrabri, by provision of weighbridge at Emerald Hill.
- (9.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplication near Wingello.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of Water Supply at Yass Junction.
- (11.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Culcairn and Corowa, by extension of the Station accommodation at Balldale.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Wallangarra, by widening the Railway near Concord West.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Wallangarra, by duplication near Black Creek.
- (14.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for maintaining Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of new Station at 103 miles, between Kareela and Penrose.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day “Public Accountants Bill; resumption of the adjourned “Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hickey, ‘That this Bill be now read a second time,’”—postponed until To-morrow.

6. **ASSENT TO BILLS** :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the adjournment, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor :—

(1.) Broken Hill Water Supply Administration Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 108.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for the supply of water to and the administration of certain works of water supply for the city and district of Broken Hill, and certain mining and tramway companies; to provide for the levying of rates and charges in respect of such supply, and for contributions by such companies; to repeal the Broken Hill and Umberumberka Water Supply Act, 1906; to apply and amend certain Acts; to prohibit the use of firearms within a certain area; 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, 21st December, 1915.

(2.) Tamworth Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 109.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Tamworth; to fix the total indebtedness of the municipality of Tamworth in respect of certain works of water supply; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.) Canowindra to Eugowra Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 110.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Canowindra to Eugowra; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; 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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(4.) Roslyn to Taralga Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 111.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Roslyn to Taralga; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; 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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(5.) Gilgandra to Collie Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 112.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Gilgandra to Collie ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(6.) Barmedman to Rankin's Springs Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 113.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Barmedman to Rankin's Springs ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(7.) Grafton to South Grafton Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 114.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Grafton to South Grafton ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; 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.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(8.) Mirool to Hillston Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 115.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mirool to Hillston ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(9.) Dairy Industry Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 116.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the manufacture, sale, storage, transit, and export of dairy produce, including margarine, and for prescribing standards for the same: to provide for the testing, blending, mixing, and grading of cream, and the basis of payment for cream ; for the grading and branding of butter ; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto ; to amend the Dairies Supervision Act, 1901, and certain other Acts,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Loan Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 117.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, 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, 21st December, 1915.

(11.) Finance (Taxation) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 118.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1915, and to reimpose a tax on motor vehicles; to amend the law with regard to the said taxes, and to amend the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1914; to impose taxes on racing clubs and racing associations, and on bookmakers, and to impose a stamp duty on betting tickets; 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, 21st December, 1915.

(12.) Glen Innes Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 119.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Glen Innes; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(13.) Inverell Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 120.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Inverell; 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, 21st December, 1915.

(14.) Orange Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 121.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Orange; 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, 21st December, 1915.

(15.) Junee Water Supply Administration Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 122.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the maintenance, control, and administration of certain works of water supply for the town of Junee and for the Government Railways; to extinguish the debt of the municipality of Junee in respect of certain works; to provide for the supply of water from the Bethungra dam, to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(16.)

29th February, 1916.

(16.) Apprentices (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 123.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect the interests of apprentices enlisting for active service; to amend the Apprentices Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; 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, 21st December, 1915.

(17.) Finance Taxation Management Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 124.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the collection of taxes under the Finance (Taxation) Act, 1915; to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914; 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, 22nd December, 1915.

(18.) Commonwealth Loans (Investment Enabling) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 125.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise trustees and other persons to invest in Stock, Treasury Bills, and Bonds of the Commonwealth,*"—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, 22nd December, 1916.

(19.) Probate Duties War Exemption Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 126.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to exempt certain estates from stamp and probate duties; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1915.

(20.) Sydney Corporation (Election of Mayor) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 127.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney; and to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902,*"—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, 22nd December, 1915.

(21.) Early Closing (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 128.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide opening and closing hours for butchers' shops; to amend the Early Closing Acts and the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910; and for purposes incidental thereto or 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, 22nd December, 1915.

(22.)

29th February, 1916.

(22.) Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Further Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 129.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Newcastle Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 29th December, 1915.

(23.) Clerical Workers (Repeal) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 130.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Clerical Workers' Act, 1910*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 29th December, 1915.

(24.) Fair Rents Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 131.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the determination of fair rents for certain dwelling-houses; to enforce such determination; to amend certain Acts; 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, 29th December, 1915.

(25.) Commonwealth Powers (War) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 132.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to refer certain matters to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the duration of the present war, and for a period of twelve months after the conclusion of peace*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

(26.) Meat Industry Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 133.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the maintenance and control of abattoirs and slaughter houses, cattle sale-yards, and meat markets within a certain district in and around the City of Sydney by a Board constituted for that purpose; to vest certain properties in such board; to regulate the slaughter of cattle within, and the bringing into such district of meat derived from animals slaughtered outside it to provide for the selling, exporting, and otherwise dealing with cattle and meat by such Board; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, the Sydney Abattoirs and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1902, the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 31st December, 1915.

(27.) Craboon to Coolah Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 134.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Craboon to Coolah; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 21st December, 1915.

29th February, 1916.

7. SYMPATHY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE HOUSE IN THE DEATH OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. F. BRAUND, V.D., AND SERGEANT E. R. LARKIN, IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received the following communications which he read to the House:—

Premier's Office,
Sydney, 15th February, 1916.
Sir,
I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a despatch, dated 8th November, 1915, which has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, regarding an Address from the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales to His Majesty the King.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. CANN,
for the Premier.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales, No. 140.

Downing-street, 8 November, 1915.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have duly laid your despatch No. 102, of 15th September, before His Majesty the King, who commands me to request you to convey an expression of his appreciation of the terms of the Address from the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
(Signed) A. BONAR LAW.

Governor Sir Gerald Strickland, G.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

8. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Railways Crossings Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
9. DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
10. HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black 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. Black, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Proclamation declaring "Accommodation for pit horses employed in connection with mining" to be a Mining Purpose within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (2.) Amendment of Regulation No. 34, under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts from 30th December, 1915, to 14th January, 1916.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. R. G. Harmston as a Surveyor, on probation, Land Board Office, Forbes, Department of Lands.
- (7.) Amended Regulation No. 22A, and Amended Form No. 33, under the Closer Settlement Acts, and Amended Regulation No. 173, and Amended Form No. 122, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (8.) Notice of intention to declare that Conditional Purchase No. 1907-18, parish of Norway, county of Westmoreland, Land District of Lithgow, in the name of R. E. Wilson, shall cease to be voidable.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. **POSTPONEMENT:—**The Order of the Day "Public Accountants Bill; resumption of the adjourned "Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hickey, 'That this Bill be now read a second time,'"—postponed until Tuesday next."

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

- (1.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 135.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Apprentices Act, 1901, the Early Closing Act, 1899, the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1900, the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1910, the Early Closing (Hairdressers Shops) Act, 1906, the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1916, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 29th February, 1916.*

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

1st March, 1916.

(2.) Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 136.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners' Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 29th February, 1916.

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

4. URGENCY—REMOVAL OF GERMAN, AUSTRIAN, AND OTHER HOSTILE ALIENS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE :—
Mr. Haynes moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 7, on the Business Paper for to-day, in reference to the removal of all German, Austrian, and other hostile aliens from the Public Service.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Dopley,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Dunn.
Mr. Hollis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Cusack,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. McGirr.
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 28.

Dr. Arthur,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Price,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

6. PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

1st March, 1916.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

WINE ADULTERATION AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Wine Adulteration Act 1902.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Wine Adulteration Act, 1902.

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

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Black, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd March, 1916, A.M.

HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd March, 1916, A.M.

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

Page 1, Short Title. *Omit "1915" insert "1916".*

Page 2, clause 3, line 27. *Omit "seventy" insert "one hundred"*

Examined,—

THOS. H. THROWER,
Chairman of Committees.

9. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply for Parkes.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for North Shore Drainage Works.
- (5.) Regulations under the Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Administration Act, 1915.
- (6.) Further Return showing list of officers at present employed by Norton Griffiths & Company who were not previously employed in the Public Service of the State.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Particulars respecting the supply of railway trucks in connection with the handling of the wheat harvest.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (2.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.
- (3.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.
- (4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting appointment of Mr. A. H. O. Brown as Assistant Teacher of Fitting and Machining, Sydney Technical College, Department of Public Instruction.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Comptroller-General of Prisons for 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL:—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 regulate the exercise of certain franchises by naturalised British subjects, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
3. LICENSING LAW REFERENDUM BILL:—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 submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
4. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—MONDAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Holman 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 4 o'clock, p.m., on Monday in each week, and Government Business only shall be dealt with.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

2nd March, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Page,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGirr.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Thompson,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Graff.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Thomas,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table the following Papers,—

- (1.) *Railway from Molong to Dubbo*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Molong to Dubbo.
- (2.) *Augmentation of Hunter District Water Supply by construction of a Dam on the Chichester River*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plan, relating to the proposed augmentation of Hunter District Water Supply by construction of a Dam on the Chichester River. Ordered to be printed.

6. HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

7. DARVALL-STREET BRIDGE REMOVAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.

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

8. HONTSUCKLE POINT AND HENTY CEMETERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Bridge to connect Sydney and North Sydney*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the construction of a Bridge to connect Sydney with North Sydney, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 42.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hoskiné,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Lévy,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. McGirr,

Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 8.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Zuill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Grimm.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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2nd March, 1916.

10. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Papers in connection with the prosecution of Messrs. H. A. Turnbull & Co. before the Chief Industrial Magistrate for a breach of the Clothing Trades Group No. 4 (Machinists) Award.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners' Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

3. DARVALL-STREET BRIDGE REMOVAL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches; 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 extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1916.*

4. HONEYSUCKLE POINT AND HENTY CEMETERIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1916.*

3rd March, 1916.

5. PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1916.*

6. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 137

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 high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 29th February, 1916.*

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

7. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Estell, 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 the 15th December, 1915, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Eight Hours Bill, disagrees to the amendments made by the Council in the Bill for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Schedule.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from the Council amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1916.*

EIGHT HOURS BILL.

Schedule of Assembly's disagreements from the Legislative Council's amendments, with reasons for such disagreements, referred to in Message of 3rd March, 1916.

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

Disagrees to the amendment, page 2, which inserts a new clause to stand as clause 2,—because, in the opinion of the Legislative Assembly, there can be no good and sufficient reason for distinguishing in such a Bill between continuous process industries and other industries; and because any definition of overtime that is necessary is incorporated in section 3 (d) of the Bill as submitted to the Council.

Disagrees (a) to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 12, which inserts after the word "days" the words "except in the case of those engaged in continuous process work"; (b) to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 13, which omits the word "six" and inserts the word "fourteen"; (c) to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 14, which omits the word "forty-eight" and inserts the word "ninety-six"; (d) to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 16, which omits the word "forty-four" and inserts the word "eighty-eight"; (e) to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, which adds at end of paragraph (a) the words "except in cases of accident, emergency, or other unavoidable contingency,"—because the effect of the amendments is to refuse a working day of eight hours (subject to well-recognised modifications) and a working week of six days to employees in all continuous process industries, and, inasmuch as all industries are potentially continuous process industries, to put a premium upon the establishment of a working period of seven or more consecutive days; and because a further effect of the amendments is to make underground workers in metalliferous mines liable to be called upon to work under normal conditions and in normal circumstances hours in excess of not only forty-four but even forty-eight hours per week.

Disagrees

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Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 24, which omits the word "and" and inserts the word "or,"—because the words "rest" and "meals" should be read conjunctively and not disjunctively.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 26, which omits the words "upon any day" and inserts the words "during any shift,"—because if the amendment were accepted the law might be evaded by an employer working the same man upon three shifts during the same day.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 26, which omits the word "day" secondly occurring, and inserts the word "shift,"—because of the Assembly's disagreement with the amendment referred to in the paragraph immediately preceding.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 28, which inserts the word "two" after the word "eighty,"—because exertion in temperatures of more than eighty degrees Fahrenheit using a wet bulb must be accompanied by an undue depression of human energies.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, which adds at end of paragraph (b) the words "It shall not be deemed to be a contravention of any provision of this paragraph, if in the case of mines where the underground employees are lowered or raised by mechanical means the working time be reckoned from the time the last employee in the shift leaves the surface to the time the first employee in the shift returns to the surface,"—because the principle of underground work being arranged for each man from bank to bank should be adhered to in the public interest.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, which omits paragraph (c),—because without this paragraph employees may be kept at the call of their employers for more than nine and three-quarter hours per day.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 2, which omits paragraph (d) and inserts new paragraph (e),—because a definition of overtime is necessary, and because the Legislative Assembly intends to direct the Court and boards as to the minimum rates to be fixed for overtime in order that employers may have a real inducement to adhere to normal hours of work; and disagrees to the insertion of new paragraph (e),—because, in so far as the new paragraph amends or alters the law it is inequitable and subversive of well-established customs in the industrial world, and because, in so far as it confirms the existing law, it nullifies the purpose of the Bill.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, paragraph (c), line 7, which omits all the words after the word "may" to end of paragraph, and inserts the words "for any good and sufficient reason prohibit or restrict the working of overtime in any industry or calling,"—because it nullifies the purposes of the Bill, and merely states what is already law.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, which omits paragraph (f),—because if the Court neither permits overtime to be worked nor prohibits it, but is silent upon the subject in its award, employers will be at liberty to work overtime without restriction; that is, the Bill contains no penalty for the breach of its provisions and depends upon the sanctions which attach to breaches of awards.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 3, which omits paragraph (g), and inserts a new paragraph to stand as paragraph (e),—because it is essential in certain special cases that the Court should have a greater discretion than it need have in purely normal cases; and disagrees to the insertion of new paragraph (e),—because it nullifies the purposes of the Bill, and merely states what is the existing law.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, subclause 2, pages 3 and 4, line 41, which omits the words "callings, and subject to such conditions as may be thought proper to impose," and inserts the words "sections of industries,"—because the exigencies of the war may require the imposition of conditions without such delay as is involved in legislation by Parliament.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, page 4, line 14, which inserts the word "But" before the word "The,"—because it is unnecessary.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1916.*

8. POLICE APPEAL BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; 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 make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

3rd March, 1916.

9. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, 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 Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed.

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 Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed.

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

(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AGENTS) BILL :—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 138.

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 Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 1st March, 1916.*

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

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, 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 Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide that Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes.

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

(3.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Six o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 6 MARCH, 1916.

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

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Works for the Manufacture of Portland Cement at Carlos Gap*):—Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Works for the Manufacture of Portland Cement at Carlos Gap.
Ordered to be printed.

2. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.
Question put and passed.

3. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *pass'd*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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4. OATHS (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 the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
5. DENTISTS (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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

6th March, 1916.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-fifth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cochran,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Griffith,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson
<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. Graff,
Mr. Grimm.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall (after debate), *passed*.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912.*"

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 Defamation Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 6th March, 1916.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council authorising the transfer under the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906, of a sum of £65,000 from the Public Works Account to the Closer Settlement Account.
 - (2.) Statement of Balances of Appropriations of the year 1914-15, written off as Savings on 30th June, 1915, under the Audit Act, 1902.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplication between Cullarin and Harden.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, by duplication near Athol.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the selling prices previously fixed for Condensed Milk. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. 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. Holman,—

Naturalised Subjects Franchise Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 139.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the exercise of certain franchises by naturalised British subjects, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney; and for other purposes.

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Sydney, 1st March, 1916.

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

By Mr. Estell,—

Workers Accommodation Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 140.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 7th March, 1916.

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

7th March, 1916.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**:—The Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—
“The necessity of guarding against personation of electors at election time who are away from the State and engaged upon Military service.”
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

4. **LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 141.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 7th March, 1916.

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

5. **DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, “That” the report be now adopted.

Mr. Wright moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 6,”—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Noes, 7.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Graft,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Thrower,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hunt,	Captain Toombs,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Zuill.	
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Levy,		
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. W. Millard,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Minahan,	Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Harry Morton,	Mr. Lang.	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nesbitt,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

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

6. **VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 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 for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 15th December, 1915, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had insisted upon the Assembly's disagreement from the Council's amendment which omits clause 68.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

7. **NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the exercise of certain franchises by naturalised British subjects, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 regulate the exercise of certain franchises by certain naturalised British subjects and other persons, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

8. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No 2):—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 15th December, 1915, in reference to the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2),—insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment omitting clause 68 of the Bill.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreement, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf, viz.,—Mr. McGowen, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Lang, Mr. Grimm, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Bruntnell, Captain Toombs, Mr. Colquhoun, and Mr. Griffith.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th March, 1916.*

9. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL :—Mr. Holman, pursuant to leave granted This Day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the exercise of certain franchises by certain naturalised British subjects and other persons, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
10. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Durack, 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 Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals.
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Hoyle then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AGENTS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Ball, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Motor Traffic Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

- 2 VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2)—(*Free Conference*):—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 7th March, 1916, on the subject of the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2); and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at 8 o'clock, p.m.; and that the Honorable Sir Thomas Hughes, the Honorable W. T. Dick, the Honorable Sir Allen Taylor, the Honorable A. W. Meeks, the Honorable F. E. Winchcombe, the Honorable C. E. Pilcher, the Honorable R. J. Black, the Honorable J. G. Farleigh, the Honorable John Garland, and the Honorable W. J. Trickett, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th March, 1916.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Griffith, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the time and place appointed by the Legislative Council in its Message, dated 8th March, 1916, for a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendment omitting clause 68 in the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2).

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th March, 1916.*

3. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle 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. Hoyle, 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.

8th March, 1916.

4. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2).—(*Free Conference*):—

(1.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Lang, Mr. Grimm, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Bruntnell, Captain Toombs, Mr. Colquhoun, and Mr. Griffith.

And Mr. McGowen and Mr. Waddell not answering,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Ball and Mr. John Storey were appointed in the room of those who had not answered.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers having returned,—

(2.) Mr. Griffith, *on behalf of* the Managers, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 7th March, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the Assembly's disagreement with the Council's amendment in the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2), report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolution was agreed upon, *viz.*:—

That clause 68 remain a clause of the Bill with the following amendment:—

Page 22, clause 68, line 10. *After* the word "otherwise" insert "or for any special value which the land may have to the owner".

No. 1 Committee Room,
Parliament House,

Sydney, 8th March, 1916.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

5. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

6. VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2).—(*Free Conference*):—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 23rd November, 1915, and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2),—

No longer insists upon its amendment which omits clause 68, but proposes to insert on page 22, line 10, of the said clause after the word "otherwise" the following words "or for any special value which the land may have to the owner."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolution adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly, and still insists upon the Assembly's disagreement from the Council's amendment which omits clause 68, but agrees to an amendment in the clause.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 8th March, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the amendment omitting clause 68 of the Valuation of Land Bill (No. 2),—

Still insists upon the Assembly's disagreement to the Council's amendment which omits clause 68, but agrees to the insertion on page 22, line 10, after the word "otherwise" of the words "or for any special value which the land may have to the owner."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th March, 1916.

7. LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And

8th March, 1916.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, 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 submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the resolution be agreed to.

Question put, and Division called for, but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noss*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; 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. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. POLICE APPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Disorder—Explanation:—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had been informed that the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cechran, desired to make a statement to the House.

By direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the Honorable Member was admitted, and made an explanation of the circumstances connected with his removal from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Temporary Chairman, Mr. John Storey, during the sitting of the Committee on the Liquor Referendum Bill. The Honorable Member said if he had unknowingly committed an error, he expressed regret for it.

Debate continued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker having called the attention of the House to tedious repetition on the part of the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8th March, 1916.

10. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

11. WORKERS ACCOMMODATION BILL :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Estell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 1916.

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

LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Thomas Brown presented a Petition from the President of the New South Wales Alliance, praying that in any referendum the House may sanction relative to the hours of closing liquor bars, provision will be made by which the people of this country may be trusted by their votes to give a permanent decision on the question, and not one for the war time only.

Petition received.

2. **PAPER:**—Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations for the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas under the Irrigation Act, 1912.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 21st March.

(1.) Public Accountants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hickey, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

(2.) Submission to the Electors of Laws passed by Parliament; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kearsley, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection."

4. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**—Mr. Speaker read the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Trades Hall and Literary Institute Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Trades Hall and Literary Institute Act of 1893*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

- (2.) Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands, investments, and moneys now held by and vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, and to provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

MILITARY

9th March, 1916.

MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Legislative Council's Message of the 9th March, 1916.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Title. *Omit* "all" *insert* "certain."
- Title. *Omit* "investments, and moneys."
- Title. *Omit* "provide for the maintenance of children now maintained by the said society, and to provide a hospital home for Australian soldiers and sailors temporarily or permanently injured or disabled; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and to" *insert* "compensate certain officers of the said society and to amend."
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "Military and Naval Hospital Home Act, 1915" *insert* "Destitute Children's Society Act Amendment Act, 1916."
- Page 2. *Omit* clause 2.
- Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* lines 13 to 26 inclusive.
- Page 2, clause 3, line 28. *Omit* "and the said society."
- Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* lines 31, 32 and 33.
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 3, 4, and 5. *Omit* "property vested in or held or possessed by the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children" *insert* "the land described in Schedule One to this Act."
- Page 2, clause 4, line 6. *Omit* "for the purposes of this Act."
- Page 2, clause 4, line 7. *Omit* all the words after "attaching" to end of clause, *insert* "thereto and shall be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and may be dealt with thereunder, but shall not be available for any class of holding thereunder until set apart for disposal by the Minister for Lands."
- Pages 3, 4, 5, and 6. *Omit* clauses 5 to 21 inclusive. *Add* new clauses and Schedules as follow:—
22. The directors of the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children are and each of them is hereby indemnified and held harmless in respect of the handing over by them to the Government of certain property and the custody and control of children under their custody and control in pursuance of the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and no action, suit, or other proceeding at law or in equity shall lie or be continued against them or any of them in respect of or in connection with such handing over.
23. The said society may, out of its funds, pay to the persons whose names are mentioned in Schedule Two to this Act gratuities to the amounts set opposite to those names respectively.

Directors
indemnified.Gratuities to
officers.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE ONE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land in our said territory, containing by admeasurement twenty-eight acres three roods and twenty-four perches, be the same more or less, situated in the county of Cumberland and parish of Alexandria, near Coogee: Commencing at the north-east corner of I. J. Watt's ten acres; and bounded on the west by the east boundary of that land bearing south nine minutes west fourteen chains twenty-nine links; on the north by the south boundary of the same, and of S. A. and I. Pearce's ten acres, being a line bearing west nine minutes north fourteen chains to the south-west corner of Pearce's said portion; again on the west by a line bearing south nine minutes west eight chains sixty-six links; on the south by a road one chain wide easterly twenty-one chains forty-seven links dividing same from the parish boundary, being the north boundary of the church and school land; on the east by a road one chain wide bearing north nine minutes east twenty-two chains sixty-eight links, and on the north by a road one chain wide bearing west nine minutes north seven chains forty-four links, dividing same from land appropriated for destitute children to the north-east corner of Watt's ten acres aforesaid; and also all that other piece or parcel of land in our said territory containing by admeasurement thirty-one acres three roods and thirty eight perches, be the same more or less, situated in the county parish, and place aforesaid, commencing at the south-east corner of S. A. and I. Pearce's two portions of six acres two roods and twenty-five perches each; and bounded on the west by a line bearing north twenty-two chains twenty links dividing same from the east boundaries of the said two portions; on the north by a road one chain wide bearing east fourteen chains forty-one links; on the east by a road one chain wide bearing south nine minutes west twenty-two chains eighteen links; and on the south by a road one chain wide bearing west nine minutes north fourteen chains forty-four links dividing same from land appropriated for destitute children and Watt's ten acres to the south-east corner of S. A. and I. Pearce's two portions aforesaid.

SCHEDULE TWO.

Mr. Joseph Coulter	£2,000
Miss K. Bergen	£250
Miss Kimbel	£100
Miss L. Townsend	£40

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

9th March, 1916.

5. **TRIBUTE TO W. F. DUNN, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR MUDGEES**:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker do convey to William Fraser Dunn, Esquire, Member for Mudgee, the recognition by this House of his patriotic action in joining the Australian Imperial Force to assist the Empire in the present calamitous war.
The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—
Question put and passed unanimously.
Mr. Speaker addressed the House, and conveyed the resolution to Mr. Dunn.
Mr. Dunn made his acknowledgments.
6. **RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown Lands, or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. **LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman 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. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
9. **WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
10. **POLICE APPEAL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 10 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report regarding the strike at Randwick Trazway Workshops.
Ordered to be printed.

2. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Haynes submitted that the Bill was *ultra vires*. It was a well known fact that the first step to any new law was that the law which it was proposed to alter, or for which it was proposed to substitute another, must be set forth and repealed. He referred to certain provisions of the Naturalization and Denization Act of New South Wales, 1898, which dealt with the enfranchisement of aliens. The Bill before the House did not repeal section 7 of the Act, and therefore it would remain in operation rendering it impossible to shut out any person from voting. The Bill could not become operative whilst the present Act remained unrepealed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the point raised by the Honorable Member for Willoughby was certainly very important. Whilst he did not know that the Commonwealth Act entirely superseded the Imperial Act, the operation of the two enactments was practically the same. The proviso in section 8 of the Commonwealth Naturalisation Act reads:—"Provided that where by any provision of the Constitution, or by any Act or State Constitution or Act, a distinction is made between the rights, powers, or privileges of natural born British subjects and those of persons naturalised in the Commonwealth, or in a State, the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this section shall for the purposes of that provision be only those (if any) to which persons so naturalised are therein expressed to be entitled." He thought it was perfectly clear that this State was entirely within its rights in making the discrimination proposed in the Bill, and for that reason he could not uphold the contention of the Honorable Member for Willoughby.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

3. POLICE APPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman 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. Black, passed.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

10th March, 1916.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th March, 1916.*

4. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Deputy-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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann 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. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT : Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the National Park Trust for year ended 30th June, 1915.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Return under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910, showing the surrender and allotment of Lands from 11th June, 1915, to 5th February, 1916.
- (4.) By-laws for the Municipality of Kiama under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Factories and Shops Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Dulwich Hill, Mr. Hoskins, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"Injustice to contractors manufacturing cisterns under Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage as represented to the Minister by way of deputation on 2nd March, this month." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Hoskins moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

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

- (1.) Darvall-street Bridge Removal Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

- (2.) Honeysuckle Point and Henty Cemeteries Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

14th March, 1916.

4. LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Holman moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Grahame 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 2, 13, and 14,"—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 2, 13, and 14,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Correspondence and legal opinions in connection with the appointment of Under-Secretary to the Colonial Secretary's Department.
Ordered to be printed.
6. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the exercise of certain franchises by certain naturalised British subjects and other persons, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney; 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 regulate the exercise of certain franchises by certain naturalised British subjects and other persons, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1916.

7. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Les,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. George Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Fingleton,	Tellers,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Hollis,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Boston,
Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Zuill.
Tellers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Price.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

14th March, 1916.

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 high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith ; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons ; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith ; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works ; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto ; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1916.*

8. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Black, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1915 ; to suspend the operation of the said Act ; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed.*"

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 Weights and Measures Act, 1915 ; to suspend the operation of the said Act ; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1916.*

9. WORKERS ACCOMMODATION BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers ; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation ; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901 ; to amend certain acts ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers ; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation ; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers ; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation ; to repeal the Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1901 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (BULK-HANDLING OF WHEAT)—*Re-scission of Resolution*:—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That the resolution passed by this House on the 15th July, 1915, viz., "That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme " to provide for the bulk-handling of wheat," be and the same is hereby rescinded ; and that Mr. Speaker be authorised to communicate this resolution to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Question put and passed.

11. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands, or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands, or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts ; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.)

14th March, 1916.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 142.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands, or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 7th March, 1916.*

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

12. CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Thursday next.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Kerosene Oil and Petroleum Spirits; varying the prices fixed for Cordials, Aerated Waters, &c.; annulling Notices fixing prices for Chick wheat: annulling Notices fixing prices for Chaff and Hay, excepting those relating to Lucerne Chaff and Lucerne Hay.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 143.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912*,"—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.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th March, 1916.

3. URGENCY—PROSECUTION OF J. P. DANAHY FOR ALLEGED SLY GROG SELLING:—Mr. Cochran moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the prosecution of J. P. Danahy for alleged sly grog selling on 11th April, 1915.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. George Cann,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.

Tellers,

Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Cochran.

Noes, 41.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hickey,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	Tellers,
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Lang.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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15th March, 1916.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Registrar regarding Friendly Societies, Trade Unions, Building Societies, Co-operative Societies, and Transactions under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, for 1915.
Ordered to be printed.
5. IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, that this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman made a Ministerial Statement outlining the course of procedure which it was proposed to adopt in dealing further with the Liquor Referendum Bill.
Mr. Wade also addressed the House.
8. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL:—Mr. Ashford, pursuant to leave granted on 14th March, 1916, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands, or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; 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. LIQUOR REFERENDUM 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 reconsideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^d with further amendments.
Mr. Holman moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
Mr. Morrish moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 8 and "Schedule One," instead thereof.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Arkins,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Graff,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hunt,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Keegan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Lang,	Mr. Bruntall,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Edden,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Mercer,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Zuill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Morrish.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

10. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
11. OATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Oaths Act, 1900.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Oaths Act, 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1916.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

15th March, 1916.

12. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AGENTS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes.*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection with certain matters; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th March, 1916.*

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH, 1916.

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

LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Holman 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. Holman, *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; 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 submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th March, 1916.*

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

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 144.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Apprentices Act, 1901, the Early Closing Act, 1899, the Early Closing Act (Amendment) Act, 1900, the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1910, the Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Early Closing (Hairdressers' Shops) Act, 1906, the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 9th March, 1916.*

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

3. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

16th March, 1916.

4. WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING HARBOUR RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Mark F. Morton, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

By Mr. Grahame,—

- (1.) Irrigation (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 145.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1916.*

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

- (2.) Grain Elevator Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 146.

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 certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1916.*

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

By Mr. Hoyle,—

- (3.) Government Savings Bank Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 147.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1916.*

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

7. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th March, 1916.*

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8. IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other 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.

9. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. WORKERS ACCOMMODATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell 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. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at one minute after One o'clock a.m., until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 20 MARCH, 1916.

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

VALUATION OF LAND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 148.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for determining values in respect of certain lands, and to provide that statutory rates, taxes, duties, and contributions based on land values shall be levied on values so determined; to provide that the values so determined shall be the values for the purposes of resumption and exchange of land and advances on mortgage or other security by the Crown or any of its departments or officers, or by any local governing body or public trust; to provide that stamp duties, and duties on the estates of deceased persons, and duties upon transfer of land shall be payable on such values; to amend the law relating to the determination of the value of certain lands, and for that purpose to amend all Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th March, 1916.

2. IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame 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. Grahame, 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. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

3. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Member for Petersham proposing to make reference to certain provisions of the Public Works Act,—

Mr. Speaker said in order that the Honorable Member and the Chair might not come to cross purposes, and that the Debate might be fairly limited, he would say that the Bill was before the House in consequence of a resolution rescinding the motion referring the subject to the Public Works Committee. The time had passed for discussing the advisableness or otherwise of referring the work to the Committee. The matter of certain sections of the Public Works Act not applying was consequential on the resolution rescinding the reference. He had gone very carefully into the position as to whether a Minister could take away from a statutory body like the Public Works Committee a work which had been entrusted to it. He found that there was a precedent in 1890, when Mr. Speaker Young permitted the Kenmore Asylum inquiry to be taken away in precisely the same way. The matter came up in 1895, when Mr. Speaker Abbott gave a ruling on the Temora to Wyalong Railway proposal, to a large extent upholding the precedent. Apparently Sir Joseph Abbott's view was not too strongly wedded to what the previous Speaker, Mr. Young, had done, and he

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might say that his view was very much the same as that of Mr. Speaker Abbott. Incidentally, he could not prevent an Honorable Member from referring to the sections of the Public Works Act. The Leader of the Opposition moved an amendment to refer the City and Suburban Electric Railways Bill to the Public Works Committee, in which he was perfectly within his rights, the question having been before a Royal Commission, but should an amendment be moved to refer this matter to the Committee, he would certainly have to rule it out of order, on the ground that he could not submit in the same Session a motion of the character of one upon which the judgment of the House had previously been expressed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Grahame, 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. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Grahame, the report was adopted.

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

4. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the closing of certain level-crossings on the Government Railways, and the substitution therefor of bridges, subways, and other works; to declare certain portions of such bridges, subways, and works to be public thoroughfares; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the closing of certain level-crossings on the Government Railways, and the substitution therefor of bridges, subways, and other works; to declare certain portions of such bridges, subways, and works to be public thoroughfares; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th March, 1916.

5. WARDELL ROAD TO DARLING ISLAND RAILWAY DEVIATION (TUNNELS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle 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. Hoyle, *passed*.

Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915, and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th March, 1916.

6. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the City Railway.

(2.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, for Auburn Stormwater Drain.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, declaring the maximum selling price for fruits preserved and tinned in Australia.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902, and Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1910.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. APIARIES 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 regulate the bee industry; to prevent the spread of disease in bees; and for purposes incidental thereto or 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, 21st March, 1916.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

APIARIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Omit "1915" insert "1916"*
 Page 3, clause 9, line 31. *Omit "January" insert "July"*
 Page 4, clause 12, lines 11 and 12. *Omit "having not less than ten colonies of bees"*

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hickey, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Mr. Hollis moved, That the question be amended by leaving out the word "now" with a view of adding the words "this day six months."
 Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
 Debate continued.

Question,—

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Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
 Question,—That the Bill be now read a second time,—put, and voices given,—
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
 Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only two Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
 The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Edden and Mr. Hollis.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Hickey, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 4th April.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

4. STATE COAL MINES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL :—Mr. Estell 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 purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912.

Question put and passed.

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Mr. Estell 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 resolutions :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the 14th day of December, 1912, and as further extended on the 6th day of May, 1914, and the 3rd November, 1915, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follows :—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
and other persons delivering meat	After the words "including carters" in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
leather workers	After the words "leather makers," in the Leather trades group of industries.
persons engaged in or in connection with wire-making, wire-drawing or galvanizing	After the words "tubular gate-makers" in the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group of industries.
and river	After the words "and harbour" in the Labourers group of industries.
and repairers	After the words "bag and sack makers" in the Manufacturing (No. 1) group of industries.
apparatus in the nature of clockwork,	After the word "clocks," in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
persons engaged in or in connection with the manufacture of chemicals, patent manures, or fertilisers	After the words "wholesale drug factories employees" in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
process artists, lithographic artists, designers, writers, plan, mechanical, or geographical draughtsmen, metal, stone, or wood engravers, die cutters, illuminators and photo-lithographers.	After the words "process engravers" in the Printing Trades group of industries.
motor-car drivers in private service	After the words "motor-car drivers" in the Miscellaneous group of industries.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
 Question put and passed.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Dooley,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Hickey.

Nocs, 19.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Colonel Onslow,	
Mr. Price,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

7. IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Grahame, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Grahame then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other 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 constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd March, 1916, A.M.

8. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Grahame, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Grahame then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd March, 1916, A.M.

9. CONSTITUTION (PUBLIC SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that officers in the Public Service of New South Wales may be nominated and elected to the Legislative Assembly, and that when so elected any such officer shall resign his position in the said Service; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that officers in the Public Service of New South Wales may be nominated and elected to the Legislative Assembly, and that when so elected any such officer shall resign his position in the said Service; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1916.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) 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 Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; 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, 22nd March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 12, 13, 14, and 15. Omit "shall cause a valuation of the land or of the estate or interest of any claimant therein to be made in accordance with the provisions of this Act and"

Page 2, clause 2, line 16. Omit "such valuation" insert "the valuation of the land"

Page 2, clause 2, line 18. Omit "valuation" insert "notice"

Page 2, clause 2, line 19. Omit "of the notice"

Page 2, clause 2, line 19. Omit "as aforesaid"

Page 2, clause 3, line 24. After "such" insert "notice of"

Page 2, clause 3, lines 25 and 26. Omit "of the said notice of valuation" insert "thereof"

Page 2, clause 3, line 27. Omit "of such variation."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

2. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Mr. Estell (*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. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willoughby, Mr. Haynes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—
"The refusal of the Premier to give any information concerning supposed aliens in the Public Service in reply to questions addressed him in the House on the subject."
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

22nd March, 1916.

4. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Apprentices Act, 1901, the Early Closing Act, 1899, the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1900, the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1910, the Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Early Closing (Hairdressers' Shops) Act, 1906, the Saturday Half Holiday Act, 1910, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed

5. WORKERS ACCOMMODATION 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

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

6. BAKERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19

Mr. M. Abbott,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. James,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Thompson,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Holman,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Hickey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

7. CONSTITUTION (PUBLIC SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying the prices fixed for Flour, Bran and Pollard, and Bread. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to further regulate practice in dentistry, and to amend the Dentists Act, 1912.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further regulate practice in dentistry, and to amend the Dentists Act, 1912,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.*

DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd March, 1916.

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

- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "1915" insert "1916"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 8. After "the" insert "first"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 9. After "of" insert "July"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 10. After "and" insert "sixteen"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 30. After "years" omit "immediately"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 31. Omit "1915" insert "1916"
 Page 2, clause 5, lines 31-2. After "has" omit "continuously"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 41. After "years" omit "immediately"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 1. Omit "solely and continuously"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 2. Omit "operative" insert "an operating dental"
 Page 3, clause 5, line 11. After "years" omit "immediately"
 Page 3, clause 5. Insert new subclause (4):—

(4) Any person who for a period of four years preceding the said commencement has served an apprenticeship in New South Wales, in surgical and mechanical dentistry with a dentist, and who has passed an examination before the Dental Board in surgical dentistry, mechanical dentistry, and materia medica (dental), shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act.

Apprenticeship
for four years.

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Page 3, clause 5, at end of clause add—

Provided also that all absences on military service by British subjects shall be accounted as part of the periods of dental practice mentioned in the preceding subsections.

Examined—

THOS. H. THROWER,
Chairman of Committees.

3. STATE COAL MINES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Estell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 149.

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 purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912.

State Government House,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1916.

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

4. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the closing of certain level-crossings on the Government Railways, and the substitution therefor of bridges, subways, and other works; to declare certain portions of such bridges, subways, and works to be public thoroughfares; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 23rd March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 8, Schedule, columns 1 and 2. Omit lines 30 to 41 inclusive.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. WORKERS ACCOMMODATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Fingleton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5," instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put, and voices given. Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for; and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Negative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Lang, Mr. Estell, and Mr. Hickey.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question proposed,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5.

Mr. Perry moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words "and clause 3."

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Crane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Perry,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Hickey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5,—put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with a further amendment.

On motion of Mr. Estell the report was adopted.

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

6. EIGHT HOURS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 3rd March, 1916, in reference to the Eight Hours Bill,—

Insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Bill, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Schedule.

And the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in its insistence upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

EIGHT HOURS BILL.

*Schedule of the Council's Amendments disagreed to by the Legislative Assembly and insisted on by the Council, with reasons for such insistence, referred to in Message of 23rd March, 1916.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Insists upon its amendment, page 2, which inserts a new clause to stand as clause 2,—because in the opinion of the Legislative Council it is essential to the preservation of many industries in the State that the continuous process system should be maintained, and because the proper place in which to define the meaning of terms in a Bill is the definition clause.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 12, which inserts after the word "days" the words "except in the case of those engaged in continuous process work"; and upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 13, which omits the word "six" and inserts the word "fourteen"; and upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 14, which omits the word "forty-eight" and inserts the word "ninety-six"; and upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 16, which omits the word "forty-four" and inserts the word "eighty-eight"; and upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, which adds at the end of paragraph (a) the words "except in cases of accident, emergency, or other unavoidable contingency,"—because the amendments of the Council preserve the principle contained in the Bill that on the average employees should not be worked more than eight hours per day, and it is in the interests alike of employers and employees that the longer average period should be adopted.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 24, which omits the word "and" and inserts the word "or,"—because such a provision unduly and unnecessarily interferes with existing conditions.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 26, which omits the words "upon any day" and inserts the words "during any shift,"—because the working time is calculated by shifts and not by days and the temperature should be similarly calculated.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 26, which omits the word "day" secondly occurring, and inserts the word "shift,"—because of the reason given in the preceding paragraph.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, line 28, which inserts the word "two" after the word "eighty,"—because it has been shown after due inquiry that a temperature of eighty-two degrees is not injurious to health.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, which adds at end of paragraph (b) the words "It shall not be deemed to be a contravention of any provision of this paragraph, if in the case of mines where the underground employees are lowered or raised by mechanical means the working time be reckoned from the time the last employee in the shift leaves the surface to the time the first employee in the shift returns to the surface,"—because English experience and the latest English legislation justify the amendment.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, which omits paragraph (c),—because the inclusion of the provision would be unsuitable and detrimental to many of the industries affected by the Bill.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 2, which omits paragraph (d) and inserts new paragraph (c),—because the definition of overtime has been inserted in the definition clause of the Bill ;
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And insists upon the insertion of new paragraph (c),—because the allowance of overtime and the fixing of the rate to be paid therefor ought to be determined only after an investigation into the circumstances of each case.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 3, paragraph (c), line 7, which omits all the words after the word "may" to end of paragraph, and inserts the words "for any good and sufficient reason prohibit or restrict the working of overtime in any industry or calling,"—because the widest discretion should be allowed to the Court in prohibiting or restricting the working of overtime in any industry or calling.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 3, which omits paragraph (f),—because the prohibiting or restricting of overtime should be left to the discretion of the Court.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, page 3, which omits paragraph (g) and inserts a new paragraph to stand as paragraph (c); and insists upon the insertion of new paragraph (e),—because it is in the interests of the State that such discretion should be allowed.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 3, subclause 2, pages 3 and 4, line 41, which omits the words "callings and subject to such conditions as may be thought proper to impose," and inserts the words "sections of industries,"—because the amendment does not involve the necessity for legislation by Parliament.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 5, page 4, line 14, which inserts the word "But" before the word "The,"—because the insertion of the word is necessary to the proper construction of the clause.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Kearsley, as Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. STATE COAL MINES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, 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 purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912.

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

(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—

(1) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the 14th day of December, 1912, and as further extended on the 6th day of May, 1914, and the 3rd November, 1915, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follows :—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
and other persons delivering meat;	After the words "including carters" in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
leather workers,	After the words "leather makers," in the Leather Trades group of industries.
persons engaged in or in connection with wire-making, wire-drawing or galvanizing,	After the words "tubular gate-makers," in the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group of industries.
and river	After the words "and harbour" in the Labourers group of industries.
and repairers,	After the words "bag and sack makers" in the Manufacturing (No. 1) group of industries.
apparatus in the nature of clockwork,	After the word "clocks," in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
persons engaged in or in connection with the manufacture of chemicals, patent manures, or fertilisers,	After the words "wholesale drug factories employees," in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
process artists, lithographic artists, designers, writers, plan, mechanical, or geographical draughtsmen, metal, stone, or wood engravers, die cutters, illuminators and photo-lithographers,	After the words "process engravers," in the Printing Trades group of industries.

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Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
, motor-car drivers in private service,	After the words "motor car drivers" in the Miscellaneous group of industries.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the resolutions without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Estell, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having, in accordance with the terms of section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, passed a resolution to amend Schedule One of that Act (as extended on the 14th day of December, 1912, and as further extended on the 6th day of May, 1914, and the 3rd November, 1915, by resolutions of Parliament),—transmits the said resolution to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1912—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.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.

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

That, in accordance with the terms of section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the 14th day of December, 1912, and as further extended on the 6th day of May, 1914, and the 3rd November, 1915, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follows:—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
and other persons delivering meat;	After the words "including carters" in the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) group of industries.
leather workers,	After the words "leather makers," in the Leather trades group of industries.
persons engaged in or in connection with wire-making, wire-drawing or galvanizing,	After the words "tubular gate-makers," in the Iron and Shipbuilding Trades group of industries.
and river	After the words "and harbour" in the Labourers group of industries.
and repairers,	After the words "bag and sack makers" in the Manufacturing (No. 1) group of industries.
apparatus in the nature of clockwork,	After the word "clocks," in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
persons engaged in or in connection with the manufacture of chemicals, patent manures, or fertilisers,	After the words "wholesale drug factories employees," in the Manufacturing (No. 2) group of industries.
process artists, lithographic artists, designers, writers, plan, mechanical, or geographical draughtsmen, metal, stone, or wood engravers, die cutters, illuminators and photo-lithographers,	After the words "process engravers" in the Printing Trades group of industries.
, motor-car drivers in private service,	After the words "motor-car drivers" in the Miscellaneous group of industries.

10. PORT KEMBLA WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, 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 carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon.

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

(2.)

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- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon.*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
11. CONSTITUTION (PUBLIC SERVICE) 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 the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said committee; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.*
13. BAKERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. D. R. Hall (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Monday next.
Question put and passed.
15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 27 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Forbes to Stockinbinal Railway.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Forbes to Stockinbinal Railway.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Central Meat Market, Pymont.
 - (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for City Railway.
 - (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wickham to Maryville Tramway.
 - (6.) By-laws of the Tuckean Swamp Drainage Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 16th December, 1915, in reference to this Bill, was, on motion of Mr. Holman, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

- (2.) Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have discharged the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Council's Message of 16th December, 1915, in reference to the amendments made in the Liquor Amendment Bill, and have withdrawn the said Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1916.*

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

- (1.) Darvall-street Bridge Removal Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message 150.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extinguish any right-of-way over the Darvall-street Bridge at Newcastle and its approaches; to provide for the removal of the said bridge and approaches; 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.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.*

27th March, 1916.

(2.) Honeysuckle Point and Henty Cemeteries Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 151.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of human remains and certain slabs and tombstones from the cemeteries at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, and from certain reserves for the preservation of graves at Henty; for the reinterment of such remains and the re-erection of such slabs and tombstones elsewhere; 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.

Government House,
- Sydney, 23rd March, 1916.

4. WORKERS ACCOMMODATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Thrower.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Hollis,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Graft,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Estell, *passed*.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th March, 1916.

5. EIGHT HOURS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 23rd March, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had insisted upon the Assembly's disagreements from the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

Mr. Estell moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 23rd March, 1916, in reference to the Eight Hours Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreements, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf, viz. :—Mr. Estell, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Wright, Mr. Hollis, Captain Toombs, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Dooley, Mr. McGowen, and Mr. Edden.

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Sydney, 27th March, 1916.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

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27th March, 1916.

6. STATE COAL MINES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. McGowen,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Graff,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. David Storey
Mr. Zuill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Levy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

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

7. RAILWAYS CROSSINGS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 23rd March, 1916, requesting its concurrence in a certain amendment made by the Council in the Railways Crossings Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment,—because the closing of the crossings in question, to which no objection has been taken by either the Department of Public Works or the Local Government authorities, is necessary in connection with the duplication of the railway line.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1916.*

8. CONSTITUTION (PUBLIC SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall 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. Hall, *passed.*

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that officers in the public service of New South Wales may be nominated and elected to the Legislative Assembly and that when so elected any such officer shall resign his position in the said service; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that officers in the public service of New South Wales may be nominated and elected to the Legislative Assembly and that when so elected any such officer shall resign his position in the said service; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1916.*

27th March, 1916.

9. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

The House adjourned, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1916.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman informed the House that during the last two years the Government had been engaged in negotiations connected with a proposed Government petrol monopoly, and for some time past the negotiations had been in the hands of his colleague, Mr. Griffith. That within the past five or six days certain information arising out of the negotiations had reached him through the medium of the Attorney-General, and a Royal Commission had been appointed that afternoon to investigate the matter, and Mr. Justice Pring would immediately undertake to conduct the inquiry. Mr. Griffith and Mr. Wade also addressed the House.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return respecting Railways in course of construction.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Trade Union (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to trade unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1916.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit "1915" insert "1916"*

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit clause.*

Page 2, clause 4, line 33. *Omit "Minister" insert "Registrar"*

Page 2, clause 6. At end of clause *add*:—"and the insertion of the following new proviso in lieu thereof:—Provided that any rule setting out any purpose of a trade union that is unlawful shall be cancelled by the Registrar after hearing any parties interested; and any person aggrieved by such action of the Registrar may appeal to the Court of Industrial Arbitration."

Page 3, clause 7. *Omit clause, insert new clause 7 as follows*:—

7. (1) The money and property of the union shall not be applied either directly or in conjunction with any other trade union, association, or body, or otherwise indirectly in the furtherance of the political objects to which this section applies (without prejudice to the furtherance of any other political objects) unless rules are in force providing—

- (a) that any payments in the furtherance of these objects are to be made out of a separate fund (in this Act referred to as the political fund of the union) and for the exemption in accordance with this Act of any member of the union from any obligation to contribute to such fund if he gives notice in accordance with this Act that he objects to contribute; and

(b)

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(b) that a member who is exempt from the obligation to contribute to the political fund of the union shall not be excluded from any benefits of the union or placed in any respect either directly or indirectly under any disability or at any disadvantage as compared with other members of the union (except in relation to the control or management of the political fund) by reason of his being so exempt, and that contribution to the political fund of the union shall not be made a condition for admission to the union.

(2.) The political objects to which this section applies are the expenditure of money—

- (a) on the payment of any expenses incurred either directly or indirectly by a candidate or prospective candidate for election to Parliament or to any public office, before, during, or after the election in connection with his candidature or election ; or
- (b) on the holding of any meeting or the distribution of any literature or documents in support of any such candidate or prospective candidate ; or
- (c) on the maintenance of any person who is a member of Parliament or who holds a public office ; or
- (d) in connection with the registration of electors, or the selection of a candidate for Parliament or any public office ; or
- (e) on the holding of political meetings of any kind, or on the distribution of political literature or political documents of any kind, unless the main purpose of the meeting or of the distribution of the literature or documents in the furtherance of statutory objects within the meaning of this Act ;
- (f) on the maintenance and publication of a newspaper other than a non-political trade journal.

The expression "public office" in this section means the office of member of any shire or municipal council, or the municipal council of Sydney, or of any public body who have power to raise money, either directly or indirectly, by means of a rate.

(3) A resolution under this section approving political objects as an object of the union shall take effect as if it were a rule of the union and may be rescinded in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as such a rule.

(4) The provisions of this Act as to the application of the funds of a union for political purposes shall apply to a union which is in whole or in part an association or combination of other unions as if the individual members of the component unions were the members of that union and not the unions ; but nothing in this Act shall prevent any such component union from collecting from any of their members who are not exempt on behalf of the association or combination any contributions to the political fund of the association or combination.

(5) If any member of a trade union alleges that he is aggrieved by a breach of any rule made in pursuance of this section, he may complain to the Court of Industrial Arbitration, which court, after giving the complainant and any representative of the union the opportunity of being heard, may, if it considers that such a breach has been committed, make such an order for remedying the breach as it thinks just under the circumstances, and any such order shall be binding and conclusive on all parties without appeal, and shall not be removable into any court of law or restrainable by injunction, and on being recorded in the Supreme Court in its equitable jurisdiction may be enforced as if it had been a decree of the Court of Equity.

A ballot for the purposes of this section shall be taken in accordance with the rules of the union to be approved for the purpose by the registrar, but the Registrar shall not approve of any such rules unless he is satisfied that every member has an equal right, and if reasonably possible a fair opportunity of voting and that the secrecy of the ballot is properly secured.

Page 3, clause 8, line 38. *Omit "Minister" insert "Registrar"*

Page 4, clause 8, line 9. *Omit "Minister" insert "Registrar"*

Page 5, clause 12, line 21. *Omit "Minister" insert "Registrar"*

Page 5, clause 12, line 23. *Omit "Minister" insert "Registrar"*

Page 5, clause 13, line 34. *Omit "by him"*

Page 5, clause 14, line 35. *Omit "short heading" insert "Schedule"*

Page 6, clause 14, line 1. *Omit "1915" insert "1916"*

Page 6, clause 14, line 4. *Omit "1915" insert "1916"*

Page 6, clause 14. At end of clause 14 *add*:—"Provided that no levy made by any trade union prior to the passing of this Act for any political purpose as defined by this Act shall be recoverable in any Court, and any person refusing to pay such levy shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges, and immunities provided in section 7 of this Act"

Page 8, paragraph 11, line 8. *Omit "membership of the union executive," insert "the offices of president, general secretary, treasurer, and executive of the union."*

Page 8, paragraph 12. *Omit paragraph.*

Page 9, paragraph 18, line 13. *Omit "a member" insert "the secretary, at the request of the president or at the request (in writing) of three or more members."*

Page 9, paragraph 18, line 13. *Omit "may" insert "shall"*

Page 16, paragraph 67, line 38. *Omit "Executive"*

Page 16, paragraph 67, line 39. *Omit "such" insert "the"*

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow,

(2.)

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(2.) Eight Hours Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated the 27th March, 1916, on the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Eight Hours Bill, and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at 5.30 o'clock, p.m., and that the Honorable Sir Thomas Hughes, the Honorable Sir Allen Taylor, the Honorable F. E. Winchcombe, the Honorable W. T. Dick, the Honorable R. J. Black, the Honorable L. F. Heydon, the Honorable J. G. Farleigh, the Honorable A. W. Meeks, the Honorable J. Ashton, and the Honorable J. Garland be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

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Sydney, 29th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

(3.) Railways Crossings Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 27th March, 1916, in reference to the Railways Crossings Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

(4.) Naturalised Subjects Franchise Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the exercise of certain franchises by certain naturalised British subjects and other persons, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 28th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, line 6. After "Sydney" insert "and to justices of the peace, coroners, licensing magistrates, and jurors";

Page 2, clause 1, line 7. After "1916" omit to end of subclause 1.

Page 2, clause 2. Omit clause and insert new clause 2 as follows :—

2. "A naturalised British subject of enemy origin shall be incapable of sitting or voting in the Legislative Council or being elected to or sitting or voting in—

(a) the Legislative Assembly ;

(b) the Municipal Council of Sydney ;

(c) the council of any municipality or shire constituted under the provisions of the Acts relating to Local Government ;

"or of officiating as a justice of the peace, a coroner, a member of a licensing bench, or as a juror, or of obtaining a license under the Liquor Act, or of being granted a

"renewal of an existing license under that Act"

Page 4, clause 9. Omit clause.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. URGENCY—ARREST AND INTERNMENT OF GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS BY THE FEDERAL DEFENCE AUTHORITIES:—Mr. Haynes moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 18 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day with reference to the arresting and internment of several hundreds of Germans and Austrians by the Federal Defence authorities on Saturday, 4th March, 1916.

Question put.

The

29th March, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Robson,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright:
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hollis,	Captain Toombs.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. PORT KEMBLA WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second-time.
On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

5. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Free Conference*):—Mr. Estell moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Referring to the Legislative Council's Message of 29th March, 1916, agreeing to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly on the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Eight Hours Bill, and appointing that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at 5.30 o'clock p.m.,—the Legislative Assembly requests that the holding of the Conference be deferred until Thursday, 30th March, 1916, at the same hour and place.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1916.*

Question put and passed.

6. STATE COAL MINES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Estell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912.*"
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 purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the State Coal Mines Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1916.*

7. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; 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 make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1916.*

8. BAKERIES 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

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

9. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Free Conference*):—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 29th March, 1916, in reference to the Free Conference on the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Eight Hours Bill,—agrees to the postponement of the same until Thursday, the 30th March, 1916, at the same hour and place.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1916.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

10. URGENCY—TOTALISATOR BILL:—Mr. Osborne moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 6 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, with reference to the introduction of a Bill to authorise and regulate the use of the totalisator; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fingleton.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he would follow the practice of previous Speakers and leave the Question open for further consideration. He gave his casting vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *Negative*.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1915.
 (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 31st December, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

2. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill, was, on motion of Mr. Estell, discharged.

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

- (1.) Liquor Referendum Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; 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, 30th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
 Deputy-President.

LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of the 30th March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 2. Omit "sixty-third" insert "eighty-eighth"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 7. Omit "twenty-eight" insert "fifty-three"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 24. After "Act" omit to end of clause.
 Page 2, clause 6, line 39. After "liable" insert "on summary conviction"
 Page 2, clause 6. At end of clause add "or three months' imprisonment."
 Page 3, clause 7. At end of clause add "but voting papers for absent voters shall be headed
 "absent voters' voting paper."
 Page 3, clause 9, line 14. After "and" insert "his deputies"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 17. Omit "He" insert "They"
 Page 4, clause 12, lines 2 and 3. Omit "determine the result of the voting" insert "certify the
 "hour for which an absolute majority of votes has been recorded"
 Page 4, clause 12, line 3. Omit "of such result."
 Page 4, clause 12, line 6. Omit "as so determined," insert "so certified."
 Page 4, clause 14, line 31. After "mutandis" insert "but subject to the provisions of this Act."
 Page 4, clause 14. At end of clause add:—

Provided that in lieu of the corresponding provisions of the said Act the supplemental roll for a district shall be exhibited at the offices of the registrar and deputy registrars for seven days after the issue of the writ during which time objections may be lodged.

The list of the names of persons against whom objections have been so lodged shall be exhibited at the said offices within ten days after the date of the issue of the writ.

The

30th March, 1916.

The revision court shall in each district be held not sooner than twelve nor later than twenty-one days after the issue of the writ.

Page 5, Schedule 1, lines 10 to 15 inclusive. After "six, seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven," respectively, insert "o'clock."

Page 5, Schedule 1. At end of Schedule add:—

Indicate your vote by placing the figure 1 in the square opposite the closing hour for which you vote in the first instance, and as your first preference.

You may, in addition, indicate in the order of your preference which of the other closing hours you prefer (in the event of the hour for which you first vote not getting a majority) by placing the figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or any of such figures, in the squares opposite the other closing hours, thereby indicating the order of your preference.

It is not necessary to vote for more than one closing hour, but the hour for which you first vote must have against it the figure 1.

The vote for any preference after the first will only be counted in the event of there not being a majority of votes in favour of any of your prior preferences.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Deputy-President.

(3.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Deputy-President.

METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of the 30th March, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. Omit lines 21 to 33 inclusive.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(4.) Department of Agriculture Building Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a building to accommodate the Department of Agriculture; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Deputy-President.

(5.) Industrial Arbitration Act—Amendment of Schedule One:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has agreed to the resolution, returned herewith, in reference to the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912—Amendment of Schedule One,—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Deputy-President.

INDUSTRIAL

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

30th March, 1916.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1912—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 30th March, 1916.*W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Columns 1 and 2. Omit lines 31 and 32.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(6.) State Children Relief Act, 1901—Inquiry into the Whole Administration of :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the whole administration of the State Children Relief Act, 1901, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, and a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined before the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1916.B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed "to inquire into the whole administration of the State Children Relief Act, 1901," if he think fit. Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for the Honorable Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, and a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed "to inquire into the whole administration of the State Children Relief Act, 1901," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1916.

4. OATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 152.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 29th March, 1916.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willoughby, Mr. Haynes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The dealings in wheat, flour, and bread by the present State Bakery and between the State Bakery and others which require prompt investigation in view of pending legislation."

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

Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Interruption.6. EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Free Conference*) :—

(1.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Acting-Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely, Mr. Estell, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Wright, Mr. Hollis, Captain Toombs, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Dooley, Mr. McGowen, and Mr. Edden. And Captain Toombs not answering,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Morrish was appointed in his place.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers having returned,—

(2.)

30th March, 1916.

(2.) Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* the Managers, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Acting-Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 27th March, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested upon the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Eight Hours Bill, report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, they have not yet arrived at a resolution, and ask leave to meet again on Friday next, at 4-30 o'clock, p.m.

On behalf of the Managers for the Assembly,

No. 1 Committee Room,
Parliament House,
30th March, 1916.

JOHN ESTELL,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the Report was adopted, and leave given to meet again on Friday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, on this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 6 above,—resumed.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH, 1916, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twenty-ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

9. BAKERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH, 1916.

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

EIGHT HOURS BILL—(*Free Conference*):—

(1.) The time having arrived for the resumption of the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Managers proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers having returned,—

(2.) Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* the Managers, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Acting-Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 27th March, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested upon the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Eight Hours Bill, report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolutions were agreed upon, viz.:—

That new clause 2 be made to read as follows:—

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—“Overtime” means—

Definitions

- (a) time worked in excess of the days or hours limited by this Act; or
- (b) time worked on any day before the fixed or recognised times of starting or after the fixed or recognised times of leaving off work on such day in any industry or calling or by any class or shift employed in any industry or calling.

That clause 3 (now 4) be made to read as follows:—

4. (1) The following directions shall be observed by the court and the boards in making awards, and by the parties in making industrial agreements:—

Directions to be observed by the Court and by Boards.

(a) In the coal-mining industry—

Subject to the provisions of this section, a workman shall not be below ground in mines for the purpose of his work, or of going to and coming from his work, for more than eight hours during any consecutive twenty-four hours.

For the purposes of this section the expression “workman” means any person employed in a mine below ground who is not an official of the mine (other than a fireman, examiner, or deputy), or a mechanic, or horse-keeper, or person engaged solely in surveying or measuring, and any number of workmen whose hours for beginning and terminating work in a mine are approximately the same shall be deemed to be a shift of workmen.

Provided that no contravention of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to take place in the case of a fireman, examiner, deputy, onsetter, pump-minder, fanman, or furnaceman where the period for which he may be below ground does not exceed ninety-six hours in fourteen consecutive days, and in the case of a shiftman, roadman, or workman engaged in the handling and transit of coal where the period for which he may be below ground does not exceed forty-eight hours in any period of six consecutive days.

(b) In the metalliferous mining industry—

Subject to the provisions of this section a workman shall not be below ground in a mine for the purpose of his work or of going to and coming from his work for more than eight hours during any consecutive twenty-four hours, nor for more than eighty-eight hours in any period of fourteen consecutive days.

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No contravention of the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Act shall be deemed to take place in the case of a workman working in a shift if the period between the times at which the last workman in the shift leaves the surface and the first workman in the shift returns to the surface does not exceed eight hours ; nor shall any contravention of the provisions of the aforesaid subsections be deemed to take place in the case of any workman who is below ground in cases of accident, emergency, or other unavoidable contingency.

Provided that—

The working time of employees in underground occupations shall not exceed six hours during any shift if for four hours of such shift the temperature of the place where the employee is occupied shall have exceeded eighty-one degrees Fahrenheit thermometer using a wet bulb.

(c) In all other industries—

the number of hours worked shall not exceed—

- (1) eight hours per day on six consecutive days,
- (2) forty-eight hours per week, or
- (3) ninety-six hours in fourteen consecutive days,

as may be determined by industrial agreement or by an award of the board.

(d) Overtime may be permitted by the terms of any award or industrial agreement and shall be paid at a rate to be fixed by the court or the board or by industrial agreement.

(e) The court may for any good and sufficient reason prohibit or restrict the working of overtime in any industry or calling.

(f) The number of days or hours to be worked in any industry or calling, or in any branch or shift thereof, may be increased beyond those limited in this section by award if the court or board consider that in the public interest such increase should be allowed.

(g) Subject to the last paragraph, where in any industry or calling the ordinary time of work is at the commencement of this Act fixed by award or industrial agreement or by well established practice in the industry or calling, such time shall not be exceeded in any award or industrial agreement made after such commencement in respect of such industry or calling.

(2) The Governor may, from time to time, by proclamation in the Gazette, suspend for any time during the war with Germany and her allies now being waged, the whole or any of the provisions of this section, either generally or limited to specified industries, or sections of industries ; and may in like manner rescind or amend any such proclamation.

That in clause 5 (now 6) the Council's amendment be agreed to.

On behalf of the Managers for the Assembly,

No. 1 Committee Room,
Parliament House,
31st March, 1916.

JOHN ESTELL,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

(3.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 3rd March, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Eight Hours Bill,—

No longer insists upon the insertion of now clause 2, nor the amendments in clause 3 (now 4), but proposes that the clauses referred to be made to read as recommended in the Report of the Managers.

Still insists on its amendment in clause 5 (now 6).

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Sydney, 31st March, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—Mr. Waddell, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report, during the currency of the Twenty-third Parliament, from the Public Accounts Committee ; together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—*Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. PORT KEMBLA WHARFAGE AND TONNAGE RATES AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods ; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores ; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898 ; and for purposes consequent thereon.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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31st March, 1916.

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 carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1916.*

5. SHEARERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS ACCOMMODATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was, on motion of Mr. Estell, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

6. 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. Estell,—

- (1.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 153.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1916.*

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

- (2.) Henty to Billabong Creek Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 154.

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 Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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, 28th March, 1916.*

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

- (3.) Tarana to Oberon Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 155.

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 Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 28th March, 1916.*

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

- (4.) Crookwell to Wheeo Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 156.

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 and provide for the construction of a line of railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 28th March, 1916.*

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

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31st March, 1916.

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Osborne moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 9 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for to-day, with reference to the introduction of a Bill to authorise and regulate the use of the totalizator; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Point of Order:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, referring to Standing Order No. 187, contended that this question had already been decided, and therefore could not again be submitted for consideration.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the practice of Parliament was well recognised with regard to introducing in the same Session a question which had already been disposed of. The position of the word "question" was one which, to his mind, required to be defined. Unfortunately there was no precedent, because in regard to "May" all cases affected by the words "nor can a motion be brought forward which is the same in substance as a question which, during the current Session, has been decided in the affirmative or negative," there were some concrete or specific questions, not what he might call mere interlocutory questions where an Honorable Member could only speak for a limited time. All questions in "May," where the words "the same in substance" were used were questions of some concrete character—not a matter of urgency, but specific questions. In our own House we had no precedent for it. The Standing Order said: "No question shall be proposed which is the same in substance as any question which, during the same Session, has been resolved in the affirmative or negative." That presupposed to his mind that when a concrete question had been put from the Chair, it had been open to free and full discussion on both sides of the Chamber. That was his opinion with regard to the word "question" as defined in the Standing Order. By Standing Order No. 395 an Honorable Member speaking on the question of urgency is specifically precluded from, in the remotest way, referring to the essence of the question which he wished at a later stage to bring before the House. That Standing Order said: "The question of urgency shall be decided by the House upon motion without notice or debate except a statement by the mover limited to ten minutes."

Every proposition to the House was technically a question—there was no other word which he could use—but he was going to interpret, as far as in him lay, what the definition of a question was as arising in a matter which had been resolved in the affirmative or the negative. He was of opinion that the question there must be a resolution of a concrete character which was open for full discussion, and having been fully discussed could not be raised again in the same Session. It has been contended that Parliament would be paralysed if there was nothing to prevent the Honorable Member for Paddington, if the motion to-night was unfavourable to him, rising again to-morrow night. He did not think that Parliament would be paralysed because the Speaker was the judge of what was obstruction and what was not.

Standing Order No. 330 said: "In Committee of Supply or Ways and Means or in Committee of the Whole on any Bill or Resolution no Member shall make any motion for the Chairman to leave the Chair which by the ruling of the Chairman without debate shall be held to be of an obstructive character." But an Honorable Member might quite *bona fide* move that the Chairman should leave the Chair. That seems to be a question which could be put. If a motion had been *bona fide* moved that the Chairman leave the Chair, and at a later stage was moved again, it was entirely within the power of the Chairman to refuse to entertain it. In the same way, if while an Honorable Member was delivering his speech some Honorable Member moved that he be no further heard, and on putting the question and taking the sense of the House he, as Speaker, saw clearly that it was the desire of the House to hear that Honorable Member, and if the Honorable Member got up at a later stage and moved his question, he thought he was acting *bona fide* in doing so, he could entertain it. If, on the other hand, he thought it was purely for the purpose of obstruction, the House having already given expression to its opinion, it was his duty as Speaker in maintaining the order and decorum of the House to refuse to entertain the motion. Therefore, if that evening the House again decided to negative the urgency motion of the Honorable Member for Paddington, if it was brought up again during the Session he would take upon himself the responsibility of saying that the House having given an indication of its will in twice negating the motion, he would not permit the time of the House to be wasted any further. He did not consider that the matter came within the precedents to be found in the British House of Commons' precedents which deal with preventing a motion "the same in substance" being again brought forward during the current Session. Everyone of those precedents dealt with some specific and concrete question on which there was no limitation of discussion. On a motion of urgency, immediately the Honorable Member who moved it exceeded his ten minutes and took his seat, he could not allow it to become the property of the House for discussion but only for division. Holding these views, he ruled that the motion was in order.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Osborne moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 9 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, with reference to the introduction of a Bill to authorise and regulate the use of the totalizator; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Debate ensued.

Privilege :—Mr. Price proceeding to raise a question of privilege in regard to the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Osborne,—

Point of Order :—Mr. J. H. Cann submitted that the Honorable Member could not intervene with a Question of Privilege at the present stage.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that Standing Order No. 159 was very definite, and he ruled the motion in order.

Further Point of Order :—Mr. G. R. W. McDonald contended that the matter could not be considered, not having suddenly arisen as contemplated in Standing Order No. 158.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that on the 15th December, 1915, the Honorable Member for Gloucester, as a matter of privilege, brought forward the question he had raised to-night. On that occasion the Honorable Member for Annandale took a Point of Order, and before the Point of Order was ruled upon by the Speaker, the Honorable Member for Gloucester said: "To facilitate things he would place the matter in writing before the Premier, and leave it 'over until the House meets again after Christmas.'"

The Honorable Member for Bingara had drawn his attention to Standing Order No. 158. That Standing Order provides: "A Member may rise to speak upon a matter of privilege 'suddenly arising, or 'to order,' subject to Rule 160."

That Standing Order hardly applies to the present position at all. It provided for the case where misrepresentation might occur in the course of debate. When that occurred, an Honorable Member was entitled, upon the question of privilege, to immediately interrupt the business before the House. The Standing Order under which the Honorable Member proposed to proceed was No. 159, which provided: "All matters of privilege and questions of order at 'any time arising shall, until decided, suspend the consideration and decision of every other 'question.'"

The difference between the argument raised by the Honorable Member to-night on the Point of Order and that raised by the Premier, was that the question which the Honorable Member asked leave to treat as a matter of privilege and interrupt the business before the House was brought under the notice of the House by the Honorable Member for Gloucester himself on a previous occasion. And, on that previous occasion, there was no interruption of the business before the House; the matter was brought forward in the ordinary way after the previous question, the Sydney Corporation Election of Mayor Bill, had been reported, and the report adopted. Had the Honorable Member taken action to-night for the first time he was of opinion that, under Standing Order No. 159, the Honorable Member would have been quite in order in breaking in upon the business, and he would have ruled to that effect. But, as the matter had been previously before the House, he thought the Honorable Member must now wait for an opportunity to bring the matter forward in the ordinary way. He therefore ruled him out of order.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

31st March, 1916.

9. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise and regulate the use of the totalizator ; to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Lang.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Price.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Osborne then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise and regulate the use of the totalizator ; to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Dwellings for Workmen at Clifton*):—

Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of purchasing land at Clifton, on the South Coast Railway Line, and erecting thereon dwellings for workmen, under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912.

Question put and passed.

11. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 2 of Government Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, and the introduction of a Bill to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Holman moved; without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 2 of Government Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, and the introduction of a Bill to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

12. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 3 APRIL, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wharfage Improvements at Newcastle.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Molong to Dubbo Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 157.

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 Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1916.

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

- (2.) Yass Water Supply Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 158.

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 a scheme of water supply for the Municipality of Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1916.

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

- (3.) Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 159.

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 dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1916.

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

3rd April, 1916.

3. PRIVILEGE :—Mr. Price proposing to raise a Question of Privilege in regard to a certain judgment of the High Court having reference to the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Osborne,—

Point of Order :—Mr. G. R. W. McDonald submitted that the Honorable Member was not entitled to bring this matter forward, as it had not “suddenly arisen” as provided in Standing Order No. 158, the subject having been decided in the courts some months ago. This was a matter which in no way affected the privileges of the House at this stage, and should have been brought forward long ago, and in proper form, to entitle it to be discussed as privilege. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the Point of Order raised by the Honorable Member for Bingara, under Standing Order No. 158, certainly presupposed something arising in connection with the deliberations of the House or associated with the matter before the Chair. There was, however, another matter of privilege which could be raised, and that was as to conduct on the part of an Honorable Member which had been reflected on by a tribunal. A decision was given by his predecessor, Sir Joseph Abbott, in 1894, in the matter of certain charges made by Mr. McMillan in reference to Mr. Lyne, who, he thought, was Minister for Works at that time. The matter was raised on a newspaper clipping, and the words of Mr. Speaker Peel were quoted by Sir Joseph Abbott in dealing with the question as to whether privilege could arise affecting the conduct of Honorable Members in connection with Parliament. In a case before the British House of Commons, Sir Wilfred Lawson, upon that date, said: “I wish to ask your opinion on a Question of Privilege. I desire to call attention to a sentence which appeared in the *London Times* this morning, concerning certain Members of this House, and reflecting, I think, on the action of the House itself. I wish to ask you, sir, whether I shall be in order if I make a motion upon the subject. The sentence to which I desire to call attention is this: The article after mentioning certain Members of the House says, with regard to them: ‘History will record with amazement that these men whose political existence depends upon an organised system of midnight murder, and who draw at once their living and their notoriety from the steady perpetration of crimes for which civilisation decrees the gallows, are permitted to sit in the British House of Commons.’ Now, sir, I think that is a reflection upon this House, namely, that we permit an organised band of murderers to sit with us in this House, and that organised band of murderers are the very men who, as essential to the Constitution, a large party on the other side of the House have declared must remain at Westminster. I wish to ask whether I shall be in order in moving a resolution in reference to this extraordinary statement as a Question of Privilege.”

Mr. Speaker Peel—I suppose one of the most illustrious Speakers of the British House of Commons, said: “My attention has been called only a short time ago to the article to which the Honorable Baronet refers; but however grave the charges and imputations made in that article may be, I do not think it is a case of privilege. It has been the practice of this House to restrain privilege under great limitations and conditions, and these restrictions and limitations have been, in my opinion, very wisely imposed by the House upon itself. The rule is that when imputations are made, in order to raise a case of privilege the imputation must refer to the action of Honorable Members in the discharge of their duties in the actual transaction of the business of this House; and though I quite understand the Honorable Baronet having brought this matter to my notice, I cannot rule that this is a case of privilege.”

Following that view, from what the records of the House show, where an Honorable Member has a transaction with a Government Department, which Government Department has its Estimates under review by the House, he was not prepared to say whether there might not be cases under which an Honorable Member was transacting the business of the House by an interview with a Government Department, where the Minister had to answer for the Government business in the House on a review of his Estimates or on the support or the opposition of the Member in question. He was not going so far as that, but he wanted to take the Honorable Member to the point which practically decided his view here, and that was that this was not a matter of urgency—that, as a matter of fact, the Honorable Member had had his opportunity. It was laid down later, by Mr. Speaker Brand, in the Gloucester petition, which the Honorable Member for Gloucester perhaps will remember, that: “A motion calling attention to imputations on Members has sometimes been treated as a Question of Privilege, and had precedence, but more frequently has been treated as an ordinary motion; but whenever treated as privilege, urgency has been the essence of the motion.”

Applying that test of urgency as the essence of the motion to the present case, he found that, as far back as the 15th December of last year, the Honorable Member rose as a matter of privilege to call attention to this very incident, and after a Point of Order had been raised by the Honorable Arthur Griffith, the Honorable Member concluded his remarks by saying: “To facilitate things I will place the matter in writing before the Premier, and leave it over until the House meets again after Christmas.” This very serious matter in the Honorable Member’s mind, which was causing him so much anxiety for the honour of the House, on the 15th December he was content to let stand over until after this Session was resumed. The Session was resumed on the 29th February, over a month ago. To say that no corroboration of some statements made by the Justices of the High Court, which were published in the Press, and which the Honorable Member deemed of sufficient importance to arrest the attention of the House on the 15th December, could be obtained until the month of April, was making too large a tax on the credulity of any Speaker. The position was this: After the promise had been made by the Honorable Member for Gloucester that he would return to the subject, the House met on the 29th February last and had gone on calmly ever since. The Honorable Member whose conduct

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conduct has apparently caused so much anxiety in the mind of the Honorable Member for Gloucester had been a regular participant in our debates, and had been one of the most regular attendants here, and now the matter had been revived after a delay of four or five weeks. Taking the view of Mr. Speaker Brand that in questions which have been treated as privilege urgency has been the very essence of the question, and seeing that it was the bounden duty of the Honorable Member to bring this subject up on the very first day that Parliament had met after the Christmas adjournment, and seeing also that he had not availed himself of the opportunity then afforded to him, it must be apparent to himself that the question of urgency had been buried and he would not allow it to be resurrected now. Therefore he ruled the whole matter out of order.

4. LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr Holman, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, amended other, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council, :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 30th March, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Liquor Referendum Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment, page 2, clause 2, line 7, which omits the word "twenty-eight" and inserts the word "fifty-three," but proposes to amend such amendment by inserting before the word "fifty-three" the words "not more than."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3,—because of the time which has elapsed since the last General Election and the consequent changes in population which have taken place particularly in country districts.

Agrees to the amendment, page 4, clause 12, lines 2 and 3, but proposes to amend such amendment by the insertion after the word "recorded" of the words "in accordance with Schedule "Two."

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

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

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1916.

5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—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 make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties; for the closing of level-crossings; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.
6. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman 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. Holman, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
7. BAKERIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the report be now adopted. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Lanc.
Mr. Levy,	

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The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said that following the usual practice he would afford the House an opportunity of challenging the Bill at a subsequent stage. He gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *Affirmative*.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Arkins,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Hickey,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. W. Millard,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bail,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Haynes.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **EIGHT HOURS BILL (*Free Conference*)**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolutions adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly; still insists on its disagreements from the Council's amendments insisted on by the Council which (a) insert new clause 2, and (b) amend clause 3, but agrees to the new clauses in lieu thereof, as proposed by the Council; no longer insists on its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 5 insisted on by the Council.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 31st March, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the amendments in the Eight Hours Bill,—

Still insists on its disagreements from the Council amendments insisted on by the Council which (a) insert new clause 2, and (b) amend clause 3, but agrees to the new clauses in lieu thereof as proposed by the Council.

No longer insists on its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 5 insisted on by the Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd April, 1916.

9. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, 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 law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other 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.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL, 1916.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (COSTS) BILL: The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 160.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, with respect to valuations and costs and other proceedings relating to the acquisition of land, and with respect to payments to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works; to validate certain payments to the members of the said Committee; 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.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th April, 1916.

2. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willoughby, Mr. Haynes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"To call attention to the existing danger of a great industrial strike in connection with the Railways, and the urgent necessity of special efforts to arrest the trouble." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

3. **URGENCY—TOTALIZATOR BILL:**—Mr. Osborne moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Order of the Day No. 2 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Grahame,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	

Noes, 31.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Price,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Levy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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4. URGENCY—JUDGMENT OF THE HIGH COURT IN MATTER OF OSBORNE AND OTHERS v. WILKINSON:—
Mr. Price moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 3 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day, in reference to the judgment of the High Court in the matter of Osborne and others v. Wilkinson.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Price,	

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Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Boston.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
6. LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 3rd April, 1916, in reference to the Liquor Referendum Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1916.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1916.

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

APPLICATION OF MICHAEL DEWITT FOR A MINING LEASE AT THE PEAKS:—Mr. Hunt, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 10th August, 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Assistance rendered by the State Government in the interests of national safety since the outbreak of War.

Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day "Public Accountants Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [Mr. Hickey]";—postponed until To-morrow.

4. SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL PROPERTY 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 enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the parish of Saint Lawrence, in the City of Sydney, held with other property upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney to sell the freehold reversion expectant upon a lease for a period of fifty years computed from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, of and in portion of the said land; to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection with the premises,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a first time.

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

5. TRIBUTE TO GEORGE CANN, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR CANTERBURY, AND JAMES GUY DALLEY ARKINS, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR CASTLEREAGH:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Speaker do convey to George Cann, Esquire, Member for Canterbury, and James Guy Dalley Arkins, Esquire, Member for Castlereagh, the recognition by this House of their patriotic action in joining the Australian Imperial Force to assist the Empire in the present calamitous war.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

Question put and passed unanimously.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House, and conveyed the resolution to Mr. Cann and Mr. Arkins.

Mr. Cann and Mr. Arkins made their acknowledgments.

6. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one and agreed to the remainder of the Legislative Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

5th April, 1916.

7. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—**
- (1.) *Railway from Molong to Dubbo* :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Augmentation of Hunter District Water Supply by construction of Dam on the Chichester River* :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme to augment the Hunter District Water Supply, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass* :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
 - (4.) *Railway from Tarana to Oberon* :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (5.) *Railway between Crookwell and Wheeo* :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed line of Railway between Crookwell and Wheeo, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **HENTY TO BILLABONG CREEK RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Henty to Billabong Creek ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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.
9. **HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (CHICHESTER DAM) BILL** :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply ; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. **YASS WATER SUPPLY BILL** :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
11. **TARANA TO OBERON RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 Tarana to Oberon ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. **CROOKWELL TO WHEEO RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
13. **CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—
- (1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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5th April, 1916.

14. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:--
 (1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
15. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
16. BAKERIES BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided]

Ayes, 27,

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	Tellers,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Keegan,	

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Dr. Arthur,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Price,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Graff,	Tellers,
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Mark F. Morton.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Levy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed*.Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment of a commission with power to carry on the business of baking; for the registration of bakers; for the acquisition by the commission on behalf of His Majesty of the business lands and property of bakers; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1916.

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

- (1.) Illawarra Cottage Hospital Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Illawarra Cottage Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1916.B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

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

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

- (2.) The Cathedral Close Amending Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act thirty-two Victoria number four, intituled an Act to authorise the appropriation of the old burial ground or cathedral close in Sydney to certain municipal and other public purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1916.B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

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

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

5th April, 1916.

18. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 161.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways ; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties ; for the closing of level-crossings ; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911 ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1916.

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

19. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 28th March, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 1,—because the measure is essentially a measure of war precaution, and justice demands that naturalised subjects should not be disfranchised for a longer period than the exigencies of war require.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill, including the amendment in the Title.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 1 of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1916.

- 20] GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways ; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties ; for the closing of level-crossings ; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911 ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways ; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties ; for the closing of level-crossings ; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911 ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways ; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties ; for the closing of level-crossings ; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911 ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other 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.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL, 1916.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE:—Mr. Ball presented a Petition from the Delegates in Conference assembled at the Seventh Annual Conference of the Shires Association of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners are of opinion that the extension of the Franchise in the Local Government Bill, 1915, which embraces the resident qualification, is diametrically opposed to the true principles of Local Government, and praying the House to refrain from passing into law any extension of the Franchise as proposed in the Local Government Bill, 1915; but to insert in lieu thereof the liberal provisions that are now embodied in the Local Government Acts, 1906-8. Petition received.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day "Submission to the Electors of Laws passed by Parliament; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kearsley, 'That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection,'"—postponed until Tuesday, 18th April.

3. SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) 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, intitled "An Act to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of the 6th April, 1916:

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "1915" insert "1916"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 10. Omit "December" insert "July"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 11. Omit "fifteen" insert "sixteen"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 3. After "One" insert "licensed under this Act"
 Page 2, clause 2. Omit "Proviso" at end of clause.
 Page 2, clause 3, line 16. After "One" insert "and licensed under this Act"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 27. After "One" insert "and licensed under this Act"
 Page 3, clause 6. After paragraph (c) insert new paragraph (d) as follows:—
 (d) employs in any shop any person under sixteen years of age,
 Page 3, clause 6, line 15. Omit "two" insert "five"
 Page 3. After clause 7 insert new clause 8 as follows:—

8. On payment of the prescribed fee licenses called "Sunday Trading Licenses" may be granted under this Act in the prescribed form to the occupier of any shop described in Schedule One hereto. Applications for such licenses shall be made to the Court of Petty Sessions in the Police District within which the shop in respect of which the application is made is situated.

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Page 3. After clause 8 (now 9) insert the following new clause to stand as clause 10 :—

10. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to frame regulations not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Act for any of the following purposes, namely :—

- (a) for prescribing the forms of applications, licenses, and other documents not provided for by the Schedules to this Act and for correcting or varying any such form when necessary ;
- (b) for prescribing the fees to be paid for licenses granted under this Act and the person or persons to whom such fees shall be paid and for the due accounting therefor ;
- (c) and generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2.) Such regulations shall—

- (a) be published in the Gazette ;
- (b) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in such regulations ; and
- (c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is in Session ; and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next Session.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

4. HERMIDALE TO NYMAGEE RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 162.

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, 1912, 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 ; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 4th April, 1916.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The action of the Government in making deviations on the Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway Line between Merrygowan and Binnaway.”

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

Mr. Price moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. J. H. Cann contended that as the Loan and Railway Estimates had been submitted, the Honorable Member had had an opportunity to ventilate any grievance. Having missed the opportunity he was not entitled to discuss the subject now.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the House had decided the matter of urgency. The facts which the Honorable Member might put before the House now might not have been in existence for his information at the time the Estimates were under discussion. If he upheld the Point of Order he would render action under Standing Order No. 49 nugatory ; he must allow the Honorable Member to proceed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Mark F. Morton, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Thirtieth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued

Mr. Deputy-Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance on the part of the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question put.

6th April, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edeau,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Graff,
Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. James,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Price.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Levy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the following Bills, namely:—

Hermidale to Nymagee Railway Bill,
 Molong to Dubbo Railway Bill,
 Henty to Billabong Creek Railway Bill,
 Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam) Bill,
 Yass Water Supply Bill,
 Tarana to Oberon Railway Bill,
 Crockwell to Wheeo Railway Bill,

be brought in and passed through all their stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cann moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the following Bills, namely:—

Hermidale to Nymagee Railway Bill,
 Molong to Dubbo Railway Bill,
 Henty to Billabong Creek Railway Bill,
 Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam) Bill,
 Yass Water Supply Bill,
 Tarana to Oberon Railway Bill,
 Crockwell to Wheeo Railway Bill,

being brought in and passed through all their stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL, 1916, A.M.

9. HERMIDALE TO NYMAGEE RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will immediately 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, 1912, 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; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 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, 1912, 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; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Cann 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, 1912, 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; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered (after debate) That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann 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, 1912, 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; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; 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, 1912, 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; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th April, 1916, A.M.

10. MOLONG TO DUBBO RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will immediately 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 Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*”—which was read a first time.

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

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11. HENTY TO BILLABONG CREEK RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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. Cann, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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 Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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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12. HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (CHICHESTER DAM) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

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(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th April, 1916, A.M.

13. YASS WATER SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann 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 Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th April, 1916, A.M.

14. TARANA TO OBERON RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 construction of a line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th April, 1916, A.M.*

15. CROOKWELL TO WHEEO RAILWAY BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for 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. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

6th April, 1916.

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 and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th April, 1916, A.M.*

16. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,— Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

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

17. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.

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

18. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916, A.M.*

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 103.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL, 1916.

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

HURSTVILLE TO DUMBLETON TRAMLINE:—Captain Toombs presented a Petition from certain residents of Hurstville, Dumbleton, Peakhurst, and portions of the Canterbury Electorate of New South Wales, urging the construction of the Hurstville to Dumbleton Tramline, and pointing out some of the features that especially recommend the line; and praying the House in its wisdom to give the line mentioned favourable consideration.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Information respecting nationality of certain employees of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company's Steel Works at Newcastle, and an employee of the State Munition Factory at Walsh Island.
Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day "Administration of Patriotic and Australia Day Funds; "resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thrower, 'That, in the opinion of this "House, the Government should immediately appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and "report upon the administration of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund, also the Australia Day Fund";—postponed until Tuesday next.

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

- (1.) Dentists (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 23rd March, 1916, in reference to the Dentists (Amendment) Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill, but proposes to amend new subclause (4) of clause 5, and also the proviso inserted at the end of the said clause, by the addition of certain words as set out in the Schedule attached hereto.

And the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in the said amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 5, new subclause (4), line 27 (as amended by Assembly). After "passed" insert "or "shall pass before the expiration of three years"

Page 3, clause 5. After proviso at end of clause add "and shall be excluded from the period "prescribed for the passing of any examination"

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

7th April, 1916.

(2.) Superannuation Bill :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide a State Provident Fund for persons employed by the State or by certain other bodies, and for the families of such persons; to provide a system of voluntary saving by such persons; to amend and repeal various 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, 7th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

SUPERANNUATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "1915" insert "1916"
- Page 1, clause 1, lines 10 and 11. Omit "a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette" insert "the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen :
" Provided that the Governor may, by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions
" of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act."
- Page 2, clause 3. After line 22, insert " Civil Service Acts include the Civil Service Act, 1884,
" the Public Service Act, 1902, the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1903, and the
" Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1912 "
- Page 7, clause 12, line 23. Omit " paragraph " insert " proviso "
- Page 15, clause 35. After paragraph (b) insert new paragraph (c) as follows:—" or (c) a public
" servant who has served twenty years or over, and who at the time of the passing of this
" Act is still in the employment of the Government."
- Page 15. After clause 35 add new clause to stand as clause 36, as follows :—
" 36. The provisions of sections thirty-four and thirty-five shall not apply to employees of
" the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales whose services were or
" are dispensed with, and who received or receive compensation in terms of section nine, subsection
" three, of the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914."
- Page 19, clause 52 (now 53), line 37. Omit " Act, 1884 " insert " Acts "
- Page 20, clause 53 (now 54), lines 8, 15, and 23 respectively. After " Civil Service " omit " Act,
" 1884," insert " Acts "
- Page 21, clause 54 (now 55), line 14. After " Civil Service " omit " Act, 1884 " insert " Acts "
- Page 21, clause 55 (now 56), line 30. Omit " at the coming into operation of this Act "
- Page 21, clause 55 (now 56), line 41. Omit " Act, 1884 " insert " Acts "
- Page, 22, clause 55 (now 56), lines 4, 5, and 6. Omit " in regard to section thirty-four hereof as if
" the employee were an employee not having any rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884,"
insert " notwithstanding section fifty-three, but "
- Page 22, clause 55 (now 56). At end of clause add new subclause (4), as follows :—
" (4) This section shall come into operation when this Act receives the Royal Assent."
- Page 23, clause 60 (now 61), line 24. After " insured " insert " at the commencement of this Act "
- Page 23, clause 60 (now 61), line 36. After " with " insert " compound "
- Page 29, clause 91 (now 92), line 22. Omit " section " insert " sections "
- Page 29, clause 91 (now 92), line 22. After " thirty-four " insert " and thirty-five "
- Page 29. After clause 91 (now 92) insert new clause to stand as clause 93 as follows :—
" 93. Nothing in subsection two of section twenty-one or in section thirty-four of this Act
" shall be taken to refer to any member of any of the bodies mentioned in Schedule Three "
- Page 32, Schedule III. At end of Schedule add :—
" The Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales.
" The University of Sydney—in respect of employees appointed after the commencement of
" this Act.
" The Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School—in respect of employees appointed after the
" commencement of this Act."

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

5. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912.*"

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 City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, (*after debate*), 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 River Murray Waters Act, 1915,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916.*

7. MOLONG TO DUBBO RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cann, 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. Cann, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; 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 Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916.*

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Deviation of the Main Northern Line between Singleton and Nundah*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 deviation of the Main Northern Line between Singleton and Nundah.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Water Supply for the Municipality of Cootamundra*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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 system of Water Supply for the Municipality of Cootamundra.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) *New Premises for the Government Printing Office*:—Mr. J. H. Cann 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) *Scheme for hydro-electric development on the Murrumbidgee River at Burrinjuck Dam*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for hydro-electric development on the Murrumbidgee River at Burrinjuck Dam, and the distribution of the power generated.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(5.) *Scheme for hydro-electric development on the Snowy River*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for hydro-electric development on the Snowy River, and the distribution of the power generated.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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- (6.) *Scheme for hydro-electric development on the Shoalhaven River*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for hydro-electric development on the Shoalhaven River, and the distribution of the power generated.
Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Scheme of hydro-electric development on the Cataract and Cordeaux Rivers*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of hydro-electric development on the Cataract and Cordeaux Rivers, and the distribution of the power generated.
Question put and passed.
- (8.) *Scheme of hydro-electric development on Gilmore Creek*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of hydro-electric development on Gilmore Creek, and the distribution of the power generated.
Question put and passed.
- (9.) *Scheme of hydro-electric development on the Tumut River*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of hydro-electric development on the Tumut River, and the distribution of the power generated.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (10.) *Scheme of hydro-electric development on the Nymboida River*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of hydro-electric development on the Nymboida River, and the distribution of the power generated.
Question put and passed.
9. NATURALISED SUBJECTS FRANCHISE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated the 5th April, 1916, in reference to the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916.
B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
11. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (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 on Monday next.
12. TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, 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. Hoyle, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, *passed*.
Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Trades Hall and Literary Institute Act of 1893.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Trades Hall and Literary Institute Act of 1893,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916.
- GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

14. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr Hoyle moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, passed.

Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other 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 make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th April, 1916.*

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 10 APRIL, 1916.

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

PAPER.—Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Proclamation declaring Construction and Maintenance of a Road in connection with Mining to be a "Mining Purpose" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Department of Agriculture Building Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

Message No. 163.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 6th April, 1916.

- (2.) Railways Crossings Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

Message No. 164.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the closing of certain level-crossings on the Government Railways, and the substitution thereof of bridges, subways, and other works; to declare certain portions of such bridges, subways, and works to be public thoroughfares; 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.

Government House,

Sydney, 7th April, 1916.

- (3.) Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

Message No. 165.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the acquiring of an easement or right of using the subsoil of land, and to make further provision with regard to any nuisance by blasting or otherwise in the construction of the works authorised by the Wardell-road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont) Act, 1915; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 7th April, 1916.

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3. SUPERANNUATION BILL :—

Mr. Speaker said in view of statements which had appeared in the daily Press in regard to the position of the Superannuation Bill he thought it was incumbent upon him to state the position as it appeared to him with regard to the Bill. He had considered the amendments made by the Legislative Council, and looked into the procedure adopted during the past thirty years when Bills of a similar character had been amended in the Council. On 29th October, 1884, the Civil Service Bill (No. 2) was returned with amendments which the Assembly, without comment by the Speaker, considered forthwith, but agreed to certain of such amendments as being explanatory and ameliorative, and desired at the same time that its agreement to those amendments might not be drawn into a precedent so as to warrant any supposition that the Assembly had waived any of its undoubted rights and privileges. Again, in 1895, the Assembly considered and dealt with the amendments made by the Council in the Public Service Bill introduced by Mr. Reid. In October, 1903, on the reading of the Order of the Day for consideration of the Council's amendments in the Public Service Superannuation Bill, the Speaker said that he had given consideration to the Council's amendments in this Bill, which was undoubtedly a money Bill; the amendments, however, though not strictly regular, only tended to make the provisions of the Bill consistent and uniform, and to further the intention of the Assembly; he, therefore, thought they might without loss of privilege be accepted by the Assembly. The most recent case was that in regard to the Railway Service Superannuation Bill in August, 1910, when upon the reading of the Order of the Day for consideration of the Council's amendments the Deputy-Speaker, in calling attention to the amendments made by the Council in a money Bill, said in former times this House denied the right of the Council to amend any money Bill, but of late years that view has been considerably modified: he had looked carefully into the whole matter, and consulted several precedents, and as the amendments seemed to further the intention of the House, in his opinion they might be accepted without loss of privilege. In view of the foregoing precedents, and having given consideration to the nature of the amendments made by the Council in this Bill, he was of the opinion that they might be accepted by this House without loss of privilege.

4. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals.*"

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 Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th April, 1916.*

5. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (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.

Disorder: Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that he had ordered the Serjeant-at-Arms to remove the Honorable Member for Granville, Mr. Lang, and the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, and both Honorable Members had refused to leave the Chamber.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker called upon the Honorable Member, Mr. Cochran, to leave the Chamber. And the Honorable Member refusing,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker named the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, as guilty of obstructing the orderly conduct of the business of the House, and called upon the Premier to take action.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, having been named by Mr. Deputy-Speaker as guilty of obstructing the orderly conduct of the business of the House, is guilty of contempt.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, having been adjudged guilty of contempt, this House suspends the Honorable Member from the service of the House for the remainder of the present sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight.

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1916, A.M.

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

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

(1.) Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 10th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. Omit lines 16 to 31 inclusive.

Page 2, clause 3. After subclause 7 (now 1) insert new subclauses 1A, 1B, and 1C as follows:—

"(1A) Section twenty-six: After 'seller' in each instance insert 'or the person offering or exposing such article for sale'"

"(1B) Section twenty-eight: After 'sell' in fifth line insert 'or deliver.' Delete 'or' where secondly occurring in sixth line, and after 'measure' in sixth line insert 'or number'"

"(1C) Section fifty-five: Omit section"

Page 3, clause 3, line 7. Omit "food or drug" insert "goods"

Page 3, clause 3. Omit lines 16, 17, 18, and 19 inclusive.

Page 3, clause 3. At end of clause add "Provided further that any regulation made under this paragraph which applies to any food or drug shall be made on the recommendation of the advisory committee of the Pure Food Act, 1908"

Page 4. After clause 6 add new clause to stand as clause 7 as follows:—

"7. In Schedule E insert after the line 'Beans, 60 lb.' the following:—'Beans (fresh), 20 lb.'; and after the line 'Peas, 60 lb.' insert the following:—'Peas (in pod), 28 lb.'"

Examined,

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Irrigation (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other 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, 10th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause add "References to 'the Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation' in any Act shall be read as 'references to the Commission,'"

Page 5, clause 9, line 3. Omit "and"

Page 6. After clause 11 add new clause to stand as clause 12 as follows:—

"12. Section 6 of the Irrigation Act, 1912, is amended by the addition, after the word 'purpose' at the end of the section, of the following words:—'and may lease such lands for any other purpose for any term not exceeding seven years.'"

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

7. SUPERANNUATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to some and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that his attention had been directed during Division to the fact that the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, who had been suspended by the House, was within the precincts of the House during Division.

10th April, 1916.

8. *Disorder—Apology* :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker intimated that the Honorable Member for Granville, Mr. Lang, desired to make a communication to the House.
By direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the Honorable Member was admitted, and expressed regret for his disorderly conduct.
Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Granville, Mr. Lang, having apologised for certain disorderly conduct which the Temporary Chairman of Committees, Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, has reported from Committee of the Whole, this House is willing to accept his apology.
Question put and passed.
9. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, dated 7th April, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments upon the Assembly's amendments in clause 5 of the Bill.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 7th April, 1916, in reference to the amendments in the Dentists (Amendment) Bill,—agrees to the Council's amendments upon the Assembly's amendments in clause 5 of the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1916, A.M.*
11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at half past Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.
- W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
- R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.
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New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL, 1916.

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

Disorder.—Mr. Speaker, referring to the presence of the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, in the Chamber, read to the House Entry No. 7 from "Votes and Proceedings" No. 104, of Monday, 10th April, 1916, containing a report from Committee of the Whole by the Temporary Chairman of Committees, Mr. Durack, that his attention had been directed to the fact that the Honorable Member who had been suspended by the House was within the precincts of the House during Division. Mr. Speaker said that action having been taken against the Honorable Member during that sitting he was practically guilty of gross contempt of the House in being present within the precincts of the House on the occasion referred to in direct contravention of the Standing Orders. He would not hear the Honorable Member on any question until certain Business had been disposed of, and if he persisted in interjecting any further he would have him removed, and the matter of purging his contempt would be a subject for subsequent consideration.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydenham and Bankstown.
 - (2.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Narrabri and Moree.
 - (3.) Regulations Nos. 288 and 289, under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (4.) Papers respecting Contract made by the Railway Department with the Sydney Glass and File Company, and the Supply of Glass generally to the Railway Department.
 - (5.) Particulars respecting payment of Railway employees during sickness.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grabame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) By-laws of the Florida Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (2.) By-laws of the Kiga Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Cooma to Bombala Railway.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba Railway.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the extension of the Parramatta Hospital.
- (9.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1915, together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11th April, 1916.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Communications received from representatives of European countries which have benefited as the result of contributions from the Allies Day and other Funds.
- (2.) Papers in reference to Questions and Answers in the Legislative Assembly respecting A. McCay, Esquire, *Sun* Newspaper Office, Sydney, and letters to and from Mr. McCay thereon.
- (3.) Particulars respecting the object of the "Anzac Day" collections.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1915.

Ordered to be printed.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892—"Convictions under the Liquor Acts."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. *Disorder*:—Mr. Speaker again referring to the subject contained in Entry 1, respecting the conduct of the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, asked the Honorable Member whether he desired to make a personal explanation and apology,—

And the Honorable Member refusing,—

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the Leader of the House to the position.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, having been named by Mr. Speaker as guilty of a wilful and vexatious breach of the Standing Orders, is guilty of contempt.

Question put and passed.

The Honorable Member made an explanation and withdrew.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, having been adjudged guilty of contempt, this House suspends the Honorable Member from the service of the House for the remainder of the present Session.

Question put and passed.

4. *POSTPONEMENTS*:—The following Orders of the Day were postponed:—

- (1.) Administration of Patriotic and Australia Day Funds; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thrower, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the administration of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund, also the Australia Day Fund,"—until Tuesday next.
- (2.) Public Accountants Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Hickey*];—until To-morrow.

5. *RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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 make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 4, line 8. *Omit "or"*

Page 3, clause 4, line 8. *After "rents" insert "or charges for water."*

Page 3, clause 4, line 9. *After "Minister" insert "or—in the case of holdings within an irrigation area—the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission."*

Page 3, clause 4. *After subclause (3) insert new subclauses (4) and (5), as follows:—*

"(4.) Any discharged soldier who desires to become an applicant for land set apart under this or the next preceding section must first register his name and make a declaration on a form to be prescribed with a view to obtaining the necessary qualification certificate entitling him to apply for land."

"(5.) The Minister may appoint a classification committee, the members of which shall not exceed three in number. This committee shall investigate the qualifications of each discharged soldier who has registered his name as aforesaid, and if satisfied that he possesses the necessary qualification it shall issue a certificate to that effect on a form to be prescribed."

Page 3, clause 4, line 11. *After "discharged soldier" insert "who has received a qualification certificate from the classification committee"*

Page 3, clause 4, line 12. *After "available" insert "The application shall be accompanied by the qualification certificate or a copy thereof"*

Page 3, clause 4, line 15. *After "withdrawal" insert "or, in the case of holdings within an irrigation area, shall report to the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, which shall grant or refuse the application"*

Page 3, clause 5, line 39. *After "local land board" insert "or the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"*

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- Page 4, clause 5, line 2. After "board" insert "or the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 28. After "rent" insert "and charges for water"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 30. After "rent" insert "and charges for water"
- Page 4, clause 6, line 37. After "Crown" insert "land"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 2. Omit "Commissioner for"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 3. After "Irrigation" insert "Commission"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 6. Omit "commissioner" insert "Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 7. After "he" insert "or it"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 11. Omit "commissioner" insert "Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 14. Omit "commissioner" insert "Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 6, clause 7, line 18. Omit "commissioner" insert "Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 21. After "Minister" insert "or in the case of a holding within an irrigation area, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 22. After "he" insert "or it"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 22. After "rent" insert "or charges for water"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 24. After "rent" insert "or charges for water"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 27. After "rents" insert "or charges for water"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 31. After "Minister" insert "or the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 6, clause 8, line 33. After "he" insert "or it"
- Page 6, clause 9, line 38. After "Minister" insert "or the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission"
- Page 7, clause 10, line 14. After "Minister's" insert "or, in the case of a holding within an irrigation area, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commissions"
- Page 7, clause 10, line 16. After "Minister" insert "or such Commission"

Examined,—

J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The statement of the Attorney-General, Mr. Hall, in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* of Saturday, 8th April, wherein he accused the farmers of New South Wales of making false declarations, "and threatens prosecutions in connection with their claims for the increased price for wheat granted by the Necessary Commodities Commission."

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

Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Wednesday, 8th September, 1915.

7. SUPERANNEATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, 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 7th April, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Superannuation Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment, page 1, clause 1, which omits the words "a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette" and inserts the words "the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen: Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act,"—because the amendment has the effect of taking the control and direction of the public finances out of the hands of the Government.

Disagrees to the amendment, page 15, clause 35, which inserts a new paragraph (c),—because the amendment is not in consonance with the rest of the clause, purports to make the clause contradictory of itself, does not appear to be capable of being construed intelligibly, and is not necessary, as every case which might reasonably be provided for is covered by the rest of the Bill.

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

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from the Council's amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th April, 1916.

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8. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman 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. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
9. SUNDAY TRADING (REFRESHMENT ROOMS) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to Sunday trading in certain shops ; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1916.*
10. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one and agreed to the remainder of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Bill.
On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 10th April, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill,—
Disagrees to the amendment, page 2, clause 3, which omits lines 16 to 31 inclusive.—because the Police Force is inadequate to carry out the additional burdens which will be provided by the passage of this Bill.
Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.
And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 3 of the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1916.*
11. ILLAWARRA COTTAGE HOSPITAL BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Black, 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. Black, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Black, *passed.*
Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Illawarra Cottage Hospital ; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Illawarra Cottage Hospital ; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1916.*
12. IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Grahame, 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 constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th April, 1916.*

13. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. T. S. Crawford 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 "4, 5, 8, 16, and 21," 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 4, 5, 8, 16, and 21,—put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, report of the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL, 1916.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale, until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Report of the Inspector-General of Police for 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Eight Hours Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 166.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the hours of work in certain industries, and the payment of overtime; to further regulate the making, varying, and amending of awards and industrial agreements; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

- (2.) Liquor Referendum Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 167.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to submit to a referendum the question of the hour at which premises licensed or registered under the Liquor Act, 1912, shall be closed; to give effect to such referendum; to amend the said Act; 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

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3. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Willoughby, Mr. Haynes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The action of the Government in sending a detective to the Lands Department to execute a third-degree test on the officials there as to their being the secret authors of information to Members of Parliament on the Germans in that Department.”
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Thirty-first Report from the Printing Committee.
5. **GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK AMENDMENT BILL** :—
(1.) **Suspension of Standing Orders** :—Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the introduction and passing of a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto, through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
(3.) On motion of Mr. Holman, 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 Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, 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 Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(4.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
(5.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
(6.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, passed.
Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*.”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.*
6. **SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL PROPERTY BILL** :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hall, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be *now* read a third time.
(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed*.
Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the parish of Saint Lawrence, in the City of Sydney, held with other property upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney, to sell the freehold reversion expectant upon a lease for a period of fifty years computed from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, of and in portion of the said land; to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection with the premises*.”
Question put and passed. Ordered,

12th April, 1916.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the parish of Saint Lawrence, in the City of Sydney, held with other property upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney, to sell the freehold reversion expectant upon a lease for a period of fifty years computed from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, of and in portion of the said land; to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection with the premises,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.*

7. THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE AMENDING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Hall, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed.*

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Act thirty-two Victoria number four, intituled an Act to authorise the appropriation of the old burial ground or cathedral close in Sydney to certain municipal and other public purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act thirty-two Victoria number four, intituled an Act to authorise the appropriation of the old burial ground or cathedral close in Sydney to certain municipal and other public purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.*

8. RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.*

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (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 Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) 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 make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other 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, 12th April, 1916.*

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

12th April, 1916.

SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 5, line 35. At end of paragraph *add* "And the proviso to section four hereof shall be "suspended for such year"

Page 3, clause 7, line 15. After "lease" *omit* "was made after the commencement of the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and" *insert* "was made after the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and eight and before the passing of this Act, and in "such lease."

Examined,

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Holman, 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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

11. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Assembly's resolution in reference to the Industrial Arbitration Act—Amendment of Schedule One.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 30th March, 1916, requesting its concurrence in a certain amendment made by the Council in the Assembly's resolution in reference to the Industrial Arbitration Act—Amendment of Schedule One,—agrees to the amendment made by the Council in the resolution.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

12. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools; and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools; and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

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

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

R. D. MEAGHER,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Balance-sheet of the National Belgian Relief Fund of New South Wales as certified by the Auditor-General.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) By-laws for the Municipality of Moss Vale, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(3.) Amended By-laws for the Municipality of Murwillumbah, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Waterloo Fire Station.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for New Reservoir Site, New Lambton Heights.

(7.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala Railway, Part 3.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Papers in connection with the supply of Glass to the Railway Department from the Sydney Glass and File Company.

(2.) Papers relating to Railway freight and charges on Bricks from State Brickworks, Homebush Bay.

(3.) Return showing Motor-cars owned by the Government.

(4.) Papers in connection with extended leave of absence to officers, Railway Department.

(5.) Papers relating to expenditure in connection with the Conservatorium of Music.

Ordered to be printed.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENSION OF TIME FOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:—

Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the time for asking Questions be extended until half-past Five o'clock This Day.

Question put and passed.

- [3. CASE OF DENIS MAGUIRE:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 17th August, 1915, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

4. SYDNEY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,
Governor.

Message No. 168.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the local government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; 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.

Government House,

Moss Vale, 13th April, 1916.

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

(1.) Yass 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 Yass; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

(2.) Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter District Water Supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

(3.) River Murray Waters (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

(4.) Crown Lands Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; 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, 13th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 10, clause 7. After line 17 insert :—

" In section one hundred and fifty-eight insert the following subsection :—

" (4) No person shall be competent to apply for a week-end lease who at the date of application owns or holds under any tenure (other than a lease having less than five years to run, unless such lease confers a right or power to purchase the freehold, which right or power may still be exercised) any land situated within an area which for the purpose of such disqualification shall have been defined in the notification setting apart the land for week-end lease."

Page 13, clause 9, line 5. Omit "wherever occurring" insert "The words 'or a lease of town lands' are inserted next before the words 'the Minister'"

Page 26, clause 24, line 30. Omit "before" insert "after"

Page 31, clause 24, line 7. Omit "before" insert "after"

Page 32, clause 24. After line 8 insert :—

" Section one hundred and sixty-three : The words 'or is adjacent to' are inserted next after the word 'adjoins'"

Page 32, clause 24, line 22. Before "homestead farm" insert "not being a"

Page 34, clause 24, line 13. After "of any land" insert "first occurring"

Page 35, clause 24, line 16. After "has" insert "before or"

Page 35, clause 24, lines 20 and 21. Omit "for the period he has occupied and used such land and thereafter"

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Page 38, clause 24. After line 9 insert :—

“Section two hundred and sixty-seven : The following proviso is added at the end of the
“section :—

“ Provided that where such first-mentioned holding was applied for on or after the
“first day of February one thousand nine hundred and nine, any future transfer thereof
“shall be subject to the provisions of section two hundred and seventy-two as though it
“were an original holding.”

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary 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.

(5.) Government Railways (Appeals) Bill :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th April, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 8. After “Chairman” first occurring insert “who shall be a Stipendiary or
“Police Magistrate”

Page 2, clause 2, lines 9 and 10. After “Vice-chairman” insert “who shall be a Stipendiary or
“Police Magistrate”

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,
Temporary 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.

(6.) Superannuation Bill :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 11th April, 1916, in reference to the Superannuation Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment, page 1, clause 1, which omits the words “a day to be notified
“by the Governor in the Gazette” and inserts the words “the first day of August, one thousand
“nine hundred and sixteen : Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette,
“pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of
“this Act,”—because it is not desirable that the date of the coming into operation of a measure of
such importance should be taken out of the hands of Parliament and placed in the power of the
Executive.

Does not insist upon its other amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

6. SUPERANNUATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 12th April, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had insisted upon the Assembly's disagreement from the Council's amendment which omits the words “a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette” and inserts the words “the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen : Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act.”

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

(2.)

13th April, 1916.

(2.) Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 12th April, 1916, in reference to the Superannuation Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment, page 1, clause 1, which omits the words "a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette" and inserts the words "the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen: Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act."

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreement, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf :—Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Black, Mr. Boston, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Durack, Mr. Holman, Mr. Page, and Mr. John Storey.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

7. APRIARIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the bee industry; to prevent the spread of disease in bees; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

8. POSTPONEMENTS :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the remaining Government Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 4 of General Business.
Question put and passed.

9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill was (*by consent*) postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3 of General Business on motion of Mr. Hickey.

10. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was read, and, on motion of Mr. Holman, postponed until To-morrow.

11. THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

12. SUPERANNUATION BILL (*Free Conference*) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 13th April, 1916, on the subject of the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Superannuation Bill (page 1, clause 1), and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at 8:30 o'clock, p.m., and that the Managers thereof, on behalf of the Council, be the Honorable Sir Allen Taylor, the Honorable Sir Thomas Hughes, the Honorable W. T. Dick, the Honorable F. E. Winchcombe, the Honorable J. G. Farleigh, the Honorable J. Wetherspoon, the Honorable W. F. Hurley, the Honorable L. F. Heydon, the Honorable R. J. Black, and the Honorable John Garland.

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Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the time and place appointed by the Legislative Council in its Message, dated 13th April, 1916, for a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendment in the Superannuation Bill, page 1, clause 1, which omits the words "a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette" and inserts the words "the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen: Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act."

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Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Dooley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Thirty-second Report from the Printing Committee.

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14. SUPERANNUATION BILL (*Free Conference*):—The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Black, Mr. Boston, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Durack, Mr. Holman, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Page, and Mr. John Storey.

And Mr. Storey not answering,—and Mr. M. Abbott and Mr. Bruntnell declining to act,—
On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Fingleton, and Mr. J. B. Nicholson were appointed in their places.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers having returned,—

Mr. Holman, *on behalf of* the Managers, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Acting-Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 13th April, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the Council's amendment (page 1, clause 1) disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Superannuation Bill,—report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolution was agreed upon, viz.:—

That clause 1 of the Bill read as follows:—

"1. This Act may be cited as the 'Superannuation Act, 1916,' and shall, except where otherwise provided, come into operation on the first day of the financial half-year next after the expiration of a period of six months after the proclamation of peace between Great Britain and Germany and her Allies."

No. 1 Committee Room,
Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

On behalf of the Managers for the Assembly,
W. A. HOLMAN.

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

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

- (1.) Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

- (2.) Government Savings Bank Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

16. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day being read,—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. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

17. SUPERANNUATION BILL (*Free Conference*):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 11th April, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Superannuation Bill,—no longer insists upon its amendment, but proposes that clause 1 of the Bill should read as set out in the Report of the Managers.

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Sydney, 13th April, 1916.

B. B. O'CONNOR,
Deputy-President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

18. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 4 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on "Dismissal of certain Tramway Employees charged with being found in a Common Gaming-house in Redfern."

Question put and passed.

(2.)

13th April, 1916.

- (2.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 4 of General Business on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on "Dismissal of certain Tramway Employees charged with being found in a Common Gaming-house in Redfern."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH BEING FOUND IN A COMMON GAMING-HOUSE IN REDFERN:—Mr. Fingleton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Dismissal of certain Tramway Employees charged with being found in a Common Gaming-house in Redfern," brought up on 3rd November, 1915, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Hickey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Kearsley,	

Nocs, 10.

Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Graff,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Pries.
Mr. Waddell.

Tellers,

Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Mark F. Morton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 13th April, 1916.*

21. SUPERANNUATION BILL (*Free Conference*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolution adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly, and still insists upon the Assembly's disagreement from the Council's amendment, but agrees to the Council's further amendment.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th April, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the amendment in the Superannuation Bill, page 1, clause 1, which omits the words "a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette" and inserts the words "the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen: Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act,"—still insists upon the Assembly's disagreement from the Council's amendment, but agrees that the clause shall read as set out in the Report of the Managers.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1916.*

22. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until This Day fortnight.

Question put and passed.

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

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL, 1916, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until *Thursday, 27th April*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand
 to wit. } Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor
 (L.S.) } of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of
 G. STRICKLAND, }
 Governor. } 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, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of May next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE BLACK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 26TH APRIL, 1916.)

QUESTIONS:

1. MR. HAYNES *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Has a tender been accepted by the Railway Department for the supply of glass from the Sydney Glass and File Company?
 - (2.) Is this company really the concern of a German named Kaiser, who is of known hostility to the cause of the Empire?
2. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners take delivery of bricks at the State Brickworks?
 - (2.) If so, is the freight charge by the Railway Commissioners from Homebush to where delivery is taken by them?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that bricks can be had locally delivered at the various works at a less cost than from the Homebush yards, plus freight and charges?
 - (4.) If freight is charged, is it the usual freight charged to private individuals; if not, what is the freight?
 - (5.) If such increased cost is charged by the Railway Department to the work on which the bricks are used?
 - (6.) Will he have an inquiry instituted, and furnish the House with a return showing the increased cost?
3. MR. BALL *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—

When will the promise of the Prime Minister, and also his own promise, be given effect to, viz. :—

“That after a certain quantity of wheat was shipped the shipping firms would be called upon to furnish particulars as to the cost of handling this season's wheat, and after allowing them another $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per bushel for overriding expenses that would be the amount they (the Government agents) would be paid for the handling of the wheat”?
4. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—

In view of the development of the Bunyah district, near Kramback, and the increased attendance at the school, will he expedite the matter of the construction of a new school for Bunyah?
5. MR. PRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) In reference to the replies to Question No. 2, in *Questions and Answers*, No. 105, relating to the 100-foot reservations on the Manning River, will he be good enough to look into the papers with a view to ascertaining the following:—(a) Was a minute made by the late Minister for Lands (Mr. Beeby) to the effect that no further action would be taken pending the passing of legislation to vest the lands in the adjoining holders; (b) was such decision conveyed to the Honorable Member for Gloucester; (c) is it the usual practice to repudiate the promises and distinct contracts made by a Minister?
 - (2.) In view of the circumstances of the case, will he be good enough to reconsider the matter with a view to carrying out the late Minister's promises and give effect to his minute?
6. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the date first fixed for the pooling of all wheat was the 1st December?
 - (2.) If it was so, how is it that the date has since been conveniently changed to the 1st February?
 - (3.) In regard to the large quantity of wheat sent to Queensland during December and January, could he say whether this was purchased by the State or private individuals, and whether the wheat pool got the benefit of it?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that contracts entered into by farmers to deliver wheat in Queensland during December were stopped, as the pooling of all wheat was then supposed to be in operation?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOLMAN *to move*, That this House now agrees to and adopts the new and amended Standing Orders, and agrees to the rescission of certain other Standing Orders, as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee in its report brought up and ordered to be printed on the 2nd December, 1915, and authorises Mr. Speaker to present such new and amended Standing Orders, and the rescission of Standing Orders Nos. 130, 274, 232, 285, 287, and 332, to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

2. MR. BLACK 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 Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.
3. MR. BLACK 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 Dividing Fences Act, 1902.
4. MR. ASHFORD to move,—
 - (1.) That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1909, this House agrees to the revocation of the dedication of 115 acres, forming part of State Forest No. 48, parish of Forster, county of Gloucester, dedicated 21st January, 1914.
 - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. ASHFORD to move,—
 - (1.) That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1909, this House agrees to the revocation of the dedication of 2 acres, forming part of State Forest No. 48, parish of Wallingat, county of Gloucester, dedicated 21st January, 1914.
 - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. ASHFORD to move,—
 - (1.) That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1909, this House agrees to the revocation of the dedication of 5 acres, forming part of Gillenbah State Forest, No. 154, parish of Gillenbah, county of Mitchell, dedicated 1st July, 1914.
 - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. ASHFORD to move,—
 - (1.) That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1909, this House agrees to the revocation of the dedication of 2,260 acres, forming part of Mandle and Beauty State Forest, parish of Mandle, county of Buller, dedicated 26th March, 1913.
 - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. HOYLE 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 make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways (Appeals) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments. [*Mr. Hoyle.*]
2. Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments. [*Mr. Griffith.*]
3. Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Griffith.*]
4. Money-lenders and Infants Loans (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. D. R. Hall.*]
5. Indecent Evidence Publication Bill; second reading. [*Mr. D. R. Hall.*]
6. Public Works (Declaratory) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. D. R. Hall.*]
7. Local Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Griffith.*]
8. Greater Sydney Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Griffith, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Government Railways (Amendment) Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Holman.*]
10. Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Estell.*]
11. Trade Union (Amendment) Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments. [*Mr. Estell.*]
12. Workmen's Compensation Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Estell.*]
13. Baking Hours Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Estell.*]
14. Early Closing Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Estell.*]
15. Stock Brands (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Grahame.*]
16. Wine Adulteration Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Grahame.*]
17. Contracts Revision Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
18. Quarter Sessions Enabling Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare the law with regard to the sitting of Courts of Quarter Sessions; and for that purpose to amend the Crimes Act, 1900. [*Mr. D. R. Hall.*]
19. Acts Correction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to correct certain errors and inaccuracies in Acts. [*Mr. D. R. Hall.*]
20. Crimes (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, and the Habitual Criminals Act, 1903, and to repeal the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Act, 1910, and the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Amendment Act, 1911; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. D. R. Hall.*]
21. Juvenile Smoking Suppression (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit smoking by persons under the age of sixteen years; to amend the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Act, 1903; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Black.*]

22. Birds and Animals Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a bill to provide for the protection of certain animals and birds; to repeal the Birds Protection Act, 1901, and the Native Animals Protection Act, 1903; to amend certain other Acts; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Black.*]
23. Police Superannuation (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906, with respect to the gratuities payable on the death of members of the police force. [*Mr. Black.*]
24. Land Agents Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the registration and control of land agents; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Ashford.*]
25. Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto. [*Mr. Ashford.*]
26. Public Roads (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Public Roads Act, 1902; to validate certain notifications purporting to be made under the provisions of that Act; and for other purposes incidental thereto. [*Mr. Ashford.*]
27. Mines Inspection (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision for the regulation and inspection of certain mines; to extend certain provisions of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, to smelting works, quarries, and dredges; to amend the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, and the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; and for other purposes. [*Mr. Estell.*]
28. Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Weights and Measures Act, 1915, and for other purposes. [*Mr. Estell.*]
29. State Labour Exchanges Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment, maintenance, and regulation of State Labour Exchanges, and for the licensing of persons keeping private employment agencies; to regulate such persons and agencies; for the protection and assistance of persons seeking employment; to penalise persons who refuse work; to provide for certain returns being made by employers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Estell.*]
30. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Holman.*]
31. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Holman.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Totalizator Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Osborne.*]
2. Public Accountants Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Hickey.*]
3. The Ashtonfields Coal-mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee, [*Mr. James.*]
4. Administration of the Necessary Commodities Control Act; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That, in the opinion of this House, the manner in which the Necessary Commodities Control Act is being administered is harassing to the producers, discourages agricultural settlement, and tends to increase the cost of living."
5. Rural and Agricultural Industries—Development of Primary Resources; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dunn,—
 - "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon (a) the various questions affecting rural and agricultural interests; (b) with particular reference to share-farming in its various phases; (c) the effect of recent legislation on primary industries; (d) and the best method to effectively develop our primary resources.
 - "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Durack, Mr. Boston, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Thomas Brown, and the Mover.
6. Submission to the Electors of Laws passed by Parliament; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kearsley, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection."
7. Administration of Patriotic and Australia Day Funds; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thrower, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the administration of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund, also the Australia Day Fund."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PERRY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged inhuman treatment of children on dairy farms.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Boston, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Page, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Chaffey, Mr. John Storey, and the Mover.

2. **MR. PRICE** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the question of the urgency of dealing with the liquor question, and removing the issues from political control, be submitted to the electors at an early date by means of a referendum.
 - (2.) That such reference shall be made so as to enable a majority of the electors of the State of New South Wales to decide (a) the hours at which hotels, clubs, wine-shops, and all liquor bars shall be opened in the morning; (b) the hours at which similar establishments shall be closed in the evening; (c) that the decision of the electors as to the hours of opening and closing all such premises shall, upon being determined by means of a referenda, have the force of and become law within the State of New South Wales.
 - (3.) That the Government be requested to introduce the necessary legislation to give effect to the foregoing resolutions.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be presented by address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. **MR. PRICE** to move,—
- (1.) That this House do now proceed to consider the judgment delivered by the High Court of Australia in the matter of Osborne and others v. Wilkinson, and that the published reports be now read by the Acting Clerk.
 - (2.) That in view of the judgment of the High Court of Australia, delivered by His Honor Sir Samuel Griffith, C.J., in the matter of Osborne and others v. Wilkinson, it is incumbent on the part of the Government to protect the honor and dignity of this Parliament by taking immediate action in regard to the conduct of the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. J. P. Osborne, in connection with the case.
4. **MR. THOMAS BROWN** to move, That this House affirms the urgent necessity for making interest on the cost of railways and tramways a charge upon the values of land which have been enormously increased by public expenditure upon such railway and tramway construction; freights and fares to be correspondingly reduced.
5. **MR. CUSACK** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the time is fast approaching when the flag of victory will fly from the ramparts of the nation.
 - (2.) That the Government should take steps to add to the beauties of our harbour a statue or monument to serve as a palladium perpetuating the triumph of our liberties.
 - (3.) That such structure should have inscribed thereon the name or symbol of the nations constituting our allies, also the names of the brave manhood of Australia that fell in the cause of freedom.
6. **MR. FALL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take action to amend the Electoral law of this State to provide for proportional representation, which includes preferential and effective voting.
7. **MR. THOMAS BROWN** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson, respecting 15 acres of land, part of portion 7, parish Baratta, county of Cunningham, under section 11 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1896.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Henley, Mr. Price, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions 1911 and 1911-12, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1912, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence, be referred to such Committee.
8. **MR. BRUNTNELL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of arrests in the metropolitan area during the months of January, February, and March respectively for—(a) drunkenness; (b) drunk and disorderly; (c) riotous behaviour; (d) indecent language and insulting words.
 - (2.) The number of days in each of those months on which hotels in the metropolitan area were closed at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m. respectively.
9. **MR. CUSACK** to move, That, in opinion of this House, the practice of allowing a Member of Parliament to use the Government Printing Office Works for the purpose of producing a private newspaper for private personal gain is unfair to competitive journalism, and liable to more frequent abuse than would accrue in the case of Parliamentary land agencies, and consequently should be discontinued.
10. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the amount of subscription and subsidy received during the past seven years by the New South Wales Benevolent Society, Valentine-lane, Sydney, and distribution of same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Black, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lang, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Thomas, and the Mover.
11. **MR. STUART-ROBERTSON** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should impose an income tax of 5s. in the £ on all incomes over £200 per annum during the war.
12. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) The franchise as established in the Parliamentary electoral law is most unjust to parents with sons and daughters under the age of twenty-one years.
 - (2.) The present system offers no encouragement to marriage, and is in other respects opposed to the general well-being of the community.
 - (3.)

- (3.) The law should be amended so as to provide that every father who is an elector shall, in addition to his own vote at any Parliamentary election, have the right to cast an additional vote for each of his sons under the age of twenty-one years, and that every mother who is an elector shall, in addition to her own vote at any Parliamentary election, have the right to cast a vote for each of her daughters under the age of twenty-one years. Provided that in each case when the father is deceased the mother shall, in addition to her own vote at any Parliamentary election, have the right to cast a vote for each of her sons and daughters under the age of twenty-one years, and in each case where the mother is deceased the father shall, in addition to his own vote at any Parliamentary election, have the right to cast a vote for each of his sons and daughters under the age of twenty-one years.
- (4.) Desertion on the part of either parent shall confer on the remaining parent the same rights as aforesaid as if the deserting parent were deceased.
13. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and with the view of affording incidental help to the Empire at this period of national stress and trial, a policy of State economy should be fostered by the Government; that, with this end in view, the State loan expenditure be reduced by at least 50 per cent., and that employees on such works who are eligible for military service be released, so that they may join the forces and help to bring about the earliest possible defeat of the enemy.
14. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Industrial Arbitration Act should be immediately repealed.
15. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Necessary Commodities Control Commission should be immediately abolished, for the reason that its operations in the direction of fixing prices of foodstuffs, fodder, &c., have proved, amongst other things, unfair to primary producers and retailers, worthless as far as the consumer is concerned, and costly to the taxpayers as a whole.
16. MR. T. S. CRAWFORD to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best means of carrying out improvements at Cook's River.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Page, Mr. Lang, Mr. Robson, Mr. Bagnall, and the Mover.
17. MR. BRUNTNELL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the following papers respecting Police-Sergeant William Stafford's claim upon the Police Superannuation Fund, viz.,—(a) Sergeant Stafford's petition to the Governor-in-Council, dated 28th March, 1912, with minutes, and the Governor's order and directions, if any; (b) Sergeant Stafford's letter to the Chief Secretary, Mr. J. H. Cann, respecting the said petition and claim, dated 24 February, 1915, and the correspondence from the date of that letter up to 12th July, 1915.
18. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to punishments inflicted by the Railway Department upon Driver Walter Watt, of Hamilton, on 9th June, 1914; Driver W. Sargent and Fireman George Tangye, of Bathurst, in July, 1914; Driver R. S. Walton, of Eveleigh, 9th December, 1914.
19. MR. COCHRAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prosecution of J. P. Danaher for alleged sly grog-selling on 11th April, 1915.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Keegan, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Haynes, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Page, and the Mover.
20. MR. WADE to move, That, inasmuch as a German is encouraged by the laws of his country to still observe allegiance to the land of his birth, although naturalised in the Commonwealth, this House is of opinion that until peace has been proclaimed,—
 (1.) All persons of German birth should be suspended from employment in the Public Service of this State.
 (2.) The law should be forthwith amended to provide that no person of German birth shall have a share in the election of the Parliament, or of any public body, or be placed, or continue on the roll of electors, unless he shall make an oath (a) abjuring the country of his birth; (b) repudiating all sympathy with any enemy with whom the Empire is at war; (c) pledging his loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty the King.
21. MR. HAYNES to move,—
 (1.) That this House views with satisfaction and relief the action, from motives of national safety, of the Federal Defence authorities on Saturday, 4th March, 1916, in arresting and interning several hundreds of Germans and Austrians.
 (2.) That this House, also from motives of national safety, urges on the Defence authorities an immediate extension of their action so as to include the Germans, Austrians, and all other hostile aliens in the Public Service of New South Wales.
22. MR. HAYNES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission of Inquiry to deal with the working of the railways and tramways in all their departments is urgently necessary.
23. MR. COCHRAN to move, That whereas the breweries of this State exercise a controlling influence of a grossly objectionable character over the licensees of hotels, and are guilty of unjustifiable interference with the freedom of trade, therefore upon the expiry of present leases no renewal of leases of Government owned premises shall be granted to any brewery, nor shall there be exacted from any hotelkeeper, upon the expiration of his present annual license, any contract relating to transfer of licensed premises or purchase of stock.

24. MR. COCHRAN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations and transactions of money-lenders and their agents.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Lang, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Arkins, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.
25. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of all properties resumed or purchased by the Government in connection with the proposed City Railway.
26. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of Royal Commissions appointed since October, 1910, the personnel of each Commission, and the total cost, including printing and clerical expenses, of and incidental to each Commission.
27. MR. HAYNES to move, That, from dictates of national safety, it is the opinion of this House that all German, Austrian, and other hostile aliens should be removed from the Public Service forthwith.
28. MR. HAYNES to move, That the alleged retention of a police guard in the vicinity of Elizabeth and Hunter streets for the protection of one Herr Sabiel and his property is a grave scandal, and grossly offensive to the loyal public of this country.
29. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters relating to the control, management, &c., of the State wheat farms at Trangie and Tullamore.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Grinnin, Mr. Boston, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Ball, Mr. McGarry, and the Mover.
30. MR. WADDELL to move, That this House is of the opinion,—
 (1.) That the efforts that have been made to cope with the evils attending the sale of alcoholic liquors have proved most unsatisfactory.
 (2.) That under the present system which allows the free use of drinks highly charged with alcohol drunkenness is still common throughout the community, and many citizens are every year being ruined by the habitual use of whisky, brandy, rum, gin, and schnapps, and much suffering is caused to the wives and families of such who are married.
 (3.) That under present legislation and the uncertainty as to what changes may be made in the law or take place in public opinion, the keepers of hotels throughout the State are kept in a condition of constant anxiety and uncertainty.
 (4.) That such uncertainty as to future legislation is in many cases deterring the owners of hotels from making improvements or building new hotels which would provide much better accommodation for the travelling public.
 (5.) That the entire suppression of the drink traffic, or any serious curtailment of the hours of selling, would ruin many persons and cause much suffering to their wives and families, and would also be a lasting injury to the citizens, inasmuch as such action would prevent them from being able to obtain wholesome and nourishing liquors, such as ales, beer, porter, perry, cider, and the various kinds of wines now in use.
 (6.) That the suppression of the sale of all kinds of liquors by hotelkeepers would prevent them from being able to give as good accommodation to the travelling public as at present.
 (7.) That the time has arrived when the present liquor law should be amended so as to provide for the following changes, viz.: (1) That on and after the first day of January, 1919, no hotelkeeper shall be permitted to sell to any citizen any whisky, brandy, rum, gin, absinth, schnapps, or liquor containing a high percentage of alcohol, but such restriction shall not prevent hotelkeepers from continuing to sell all kinds of wines now in use, also ales, beer, porter, perry, and cider; should such restriction be made sooner than the date named, reasonable compensation shall be paid each hotelkeeper; (2) that when such change has been made the owner or his tenant for the time being of each hotel shall be entitled to a renewal of his license annually during the ensuing period of twenty years, provided that other requirements of the law as to keeping an orderly house and providing necessary accommodation for the travelling public are complied with; (3) that on and after the date at which hotelkeepers are prohibited from selling whisky, brandy, rum, gin, absinth, or schnapps, or liquors of a like class, Government agents alone shall be permitted to sell such liquors or to sell pure spirit, and such sales shall as far as possible be limited to what is required for medicinal or scientific purposes, or for the fortification of ales, beer, porter, wines, or cider; provided further that from such date the Government only shall import or make those liquors which hotelkeepers are forbidden from selling or shall distil spirits.
31. DR. ARTHUR to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) The proposal to utilise a part of the viceregal enclosure for an imitation of a German institution, the beer-garden, is in direct opposition to the attitude of His Majesty the King, who has banished all intoxicants from his household during the period of the war.
 (2.) It is out of harmony with the policy of our Allies, Russia being under prohibition, and France having reduced the sale of alcoholic liquors to a minimum, and further, that General Joffre has ordered that no intoxicants are to be sold to any soldier.
 (3.) It is in opposition to the attitude of the Federal Government which has abolished wet canteens from military camps, and the Minister for Defence has personally expressed himself as opposed to the beer-garden scheme.
 (4.) In the interests of national efficiency and economy at this crisis, it is necessary, if the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors cannot be brought into effect, that the practice of "shouting" and "treating" should be forbidden as is the law in London, and that no quor for consumption outside of licensed premises should be sold after 6 p.m.

32. MR. WADDELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at an early date introduce a Bill to accomplish the following objects :—
- (1.) To provide for the suppression, after a time notice, of the present system of betting on race-courses with bookmakers.
 - (2.) To empower the Government to establish, control, and operate the totalisator at race-meetings throughout the State.
 - (3.) To provide that, from the money received by the Government from those who purchase tickets on the totalisator, the Government shall retain 10 per cent., of which $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. shall be paid to the Consolidated Revenue Account, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. be given to the committees of horse-racing clubs (other than proprietary clubs) to use towards giving prizes at race-meetings and improving and beautifying racecourses.
33. MR. WADDELL to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the introduction of the principle of compulsion to the industrial arbitration law has not attained the end in view, has proved an absolute failure, and is an unwarrantable attempt to interfere with human rights and liberties.
 - (2.) That the Government should at an early date introduce an amending Bill and repeal the compulsory provisions of the law.
 - (3.) That the law should be framed so as to encourage as far as possible the settlement of industrial disputes by conference and conciliation, but not by compulsion or coercion.
34. MR. HAYNES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable persons who have certain leasehold interests in lands to acquire the freehold and other estates and interests in those lands; and to amend the law with regard to leases in certain respects; and for other purposes.
35. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON to move, That the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises of Parliament House shall, on and after the passing of this resolution, cease.
36. MR. GARDINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Public Service Board should be abolished.
37. MR. BRINSLEY HALL to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the survey of certain lands in the County of Northumberland owned by Messrs. J. Walker and G. Ambrose.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Robson, Mr. George Cann, Mr. William Brown, and the Mover.
38. MR. WADE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Parliament of this State refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the following matter, viz. :—The power to extend by a common rule any award of an industrial tribunal.
39. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) The existing system of party Government does not provide for any clear expression of public opinion upon definite issues.
 - (2.) The Constitution should be so amended as to provide (a) that every Parliamentary representative be elected by preferential ballot; (b) that, upon the assembling of Parliament after each General Election, each and every Minister shall be elected by a majority of the whole House, and shall hold his portfolio only so long as he retains the confidence of a majority of Members of the House.
40. MR. HENLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the following papers respecting Police Sergeant William Stafford's claim upon the Police Superannuation Fund, viz. :—
- (1.) Sergeant Stafford's petition to the Governor in Council, dated 28th March, 1912, with minutes, and the Governor's order and directions if any.
 - (2.) Sergeant Stafford's letter to the Chief Secretary, Mr. J. H. Cann, respecting the said petition and claim dated 24th February, 1915, and the correspondence from the date of that letter up to 12th July, 1915.
41. MR. DOOLEY to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon (a) fixing the price of necessary commodities; (b) regulation and distribution of food supplies.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Keegan, and the Mover.
42. MR. BALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to provide for a bonus to be paid to growers of wheat at a rate per bushel or per ton to cover extra cost of cartage and haulage beyond a 15-mile limit from a railway.
43. MR. CUSACK to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. James Armstrong respecting his interest in a mine resumed by the Government consequent upon the building of the Burrenjuck Weir.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Briner, Mr. Ball, Mr. McGillivray, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Boston, and the Mover.
44. MR. CUSACK to move, That, in view of the sudden invasion of phylloxera in the vineyards of the State, this House affirms the desirability of extending Government assistance to viticulturists, by supplying resistant stocks on the deferred payment system, at a low rate of interest.

45. **MR. DUNN** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Michael Gleeson, whose application for a Homestead Selection in the Land District of Dubbo was refused by the Land Appeal Court.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Ball, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Price, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Boston, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1913, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.
46. **MR. HENLEY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early date issue a *Gazette* notice removing from the control of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners all low-lying foreshores and bays suitable for reclamation and reservation, and that early steps be taken to fill in and dedicate the said land as public recreation reserves.
47. **MR. T. S. CRAWFORD** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present methods of business of fire and accident and other insurance companies in New South Wales.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Grimm, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Wright, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Carmichael, and the Mover.
48. **MR. THROWER** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to register, control, and regulate persons engaged in the trade of opticians in the State of New South Wales.
49. **DR. ARTHUR** to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) The welfare and proper development of the children should be of supreme importance to the State.
 - (2.) The principle of equal payment to all workers engaged in the same occupation, irrespective of their conjugal and family conditions, though economically sound, discourages and penalises marriage, leads to the restriction of the birthrate, and is detrimental to the physical well-being of children the members of large families.
 - (3.) For the good of the general community and the future generation, it would be equitable to compel those citizens who have no dependents, or only small families, to contribute to the maintenance of larger families.
 - (4.) To effect this an income tax should be imposed on all net incomes of over £2 a week, single persons to pay double the tax that married persons do.
 - (5.) From the revenue so obtained an endowment should be paid to the mother of every child until the age of 14 years, the amount of the endowment to be progressively larger till the fourth child, after which the endowment should remain the same for each additional child.
 - (6.) Such a system of endowment should not be taken into account in determining the minimum wage in any industry.

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNT-OUTS,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total
Abbott, Macartney, Esq.	40	85	.....	125
Arkins, James Guy Dalley, Esq.	58	127	3	188
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	29	84	.....	113
Ashford, The Hon. William George	53	99	.....	152
Badgery, Francis Arthur, Esq. (<i>Deceased 28 August, 1915</i>) ....	.....	6	.....	6
Bagnall, William Roy Clifford, Esq.	69	149	1	219
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	53	107	.....	160
Black, The Hon. George	58	105	.....	163
Boston, Walter James, Esq.	60	154	2	216
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	29	28	.....	57
Brown, The Hon. Thomas	38	98	.....	136
Brown, William, Esq.	46	103	.....	149
Brumtnell, Albert, Esq.	26	57	.....	83
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	63	147	3	213
Cann, George, Esq.	52	121	.....	173
Cann, The Hon. John Henry	62	116	2	180
Carmichael, The Hon. Ambrose Campbell	15	32	1	48
Chaffey, Frank Augustus, Esq.	21	14	.....	35
Cochran, John Patrick, Esq.	45	105	1	151
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement, Esq.	30	47	.....	77
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	43	101	.....	144
Colquhoun, Percy Breerton, Esq.	63	117	.....	180
Crane, John Thomas, Esq.	14	31	.....	45
Crawford, Thomas Simpson, Esq.	58	121	1	180
Cusack, John Joseph, Esq.	50	121	1	172
Dooley, James, Esq.	43	109	1	153
Dunn, William Fraser, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	30	53	.....	83
Duraack, Ernest, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	75	108	.....	183
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	42	107	1	150
Estell, The Hon. John	65	137	.....	202
Fallick, James, Esq.	43	75	.....	118
Fern, Charles Stuart, Esq.	4	1	1	6
Fingleton, James, Esq.	72	165	1	238
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq.	61	145	1	207
Fuller, George Warburton (<i>Elected 16 September, 1915</i>)	23	68	.....	91
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq.	38	84	.....	122
Graff, Alexander, Esq.	23	39	.....	62
Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	44	77	.....	121
Griffith, The Hon. Arthur Hill	52	110	1	163
Grimm, Arthur Hetherington, Esq.	31	93	.....	124
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	17	13	.....	30
Hall, The Hon. David Robert	58	121	.....	179
Haynes, John (<i>Elected 25 September, 1915</i>)	35	81	.....	116
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	31	33	.....	64
Hickey, Simon, Esq.	67	136	1	204
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	53	107	1	161
Holman, The Hon. William Arthur	30	77	1	108
Hoskins, Tom James, Esq.	69	127	1	197
Hoyle, The Hon. Henry Clement	37	61	.....	98
Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	58	98	.....	156
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	37	55	.....	92

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total.
Kearsley, William, Esq....	56	155	2	213
Keegan, Thomas, Esq. ...	66	132	1	199
Lane, Herbert William, Esq. (<i>Elected 2 September, 1915</i>) ...	38	119	.....	157
Lang, John Thomas, Esq. ...	73	143	1	217
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ...	61	120	.....	181
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred ...	6	31	.....	37
Levy, Daniel, Esq. ...	64	134	.....	198
McDonald, George Roy William, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)...	31	61	.....	92
McFarlane, John, Esq. (<i>Deceased, 9 July, 1915</i>)				
McGarry, Patrick, Esq. ...	23	64	1	88
McGirr, John Joseph Gregory, Esq. ...	36	62	.....	98
McGowen, The Hon. James Sinclair Taylor ...	18	25	.....	43
Meagher, The Hon. Richard Denis (<i>Speaker</i>) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mercer, James Ballantyne, Esq. ...	37	68	.....	105
Millard, William, Esq. ...	58	135	1	194
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ...	42	78	.....	120
Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq. (<i>Granted leave of absence, 28 July, 1915</i>)	26	77	1	104
Morrish, James John, Esq. ...	64	118	.....	182
Morton, Henry Douglas, Esq. ...	34	73	.....	107
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ...	41	85	.....	126
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq. (<i>Deceased 11 January, 1916</i>) ...	23	10	1	24
Nesbitt, George, Esq. ...	52	123	.....	175
Nicholson, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Edward, V.D. (<i>Granted leave of absence, 19 October, 1915</i>).	18	14	.....	32
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ...	19	10	.....	29
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur (<i>Granted leave of absence, 19 October, 1915</i>).	9	8	.....	17
Osborne, John Percy, Esq. ...	52	141	.....	193
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq. ...	27	36	.....	63
Perry, The Hon. John ...	21	12	1	34
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ...	45	68	.....	113
Richards, George Allen, Esq. (<i>Deceased 6 December, 1915</i>) ...	34	41	.....	75
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. ...	51	96	.....	147
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ...	40	122	.....	162
Storey, David, Esq. ...	29	42	.....	71
Storey, John, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	41	124	.....	165
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq. ...	43	112	.....	155
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ...	49	100	.....	149
Thompson, William, Esq. ...	47	92	.....	139
Thrower, Thomas Henry, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	43	12	1	56
Toombs, Captain Samuel ...	61	142	1	204
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas ...	64	103	.....	167
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C. ...	34	73	2	109
Wright, Jabcz, Esq. ...	55	121	.....	176
Zuill, William Arthur, Esq. (<i>Elected 14 August, 1915</i>) ...	40	104	.....	144

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 26th April, 1916.

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

1915-16.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

1. New Writs issued	7
2. Select Committees:—	
On Public Matters	8
On Private Bills ... ..	...
3. Standing Committees	5
4. Public Bills:—	
Originated in the Assembly—	
Received the Royal Assent	68
Otherwise disposed of	48
	116
Brought from the Council—	
Received the Royal Assent	12
Otherwise disposed of	1
	129
5. Private Bills:—	
Originated in the Assembly—	
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	...
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	...
Brought from the Council—	
Received the Royal Assent	1
Otherwise disposed of	1
	2
6. Petitions received:—	
Printed	448
Not Printed ... ..	...
	448
7. Divisions:—	
In the House	75
In Committee of the Whole	172
	247
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—	
Days of Meeting	107
Hours of Sitting	895 h. 26 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	140 h. 1 m.
Daily Average	8 h. 22 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—	
Before commencement of Business ... ..	...
After commencement of Business	3
	3
9. Votes and Proceedings:—	
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—	
Of Business done... ..	1,113
Daily Average	1,113
	10
Entries in Question Paper—	
Of Questions answered	1,201
Daily Average	1,201
	11
Entries in Notice Paper—	
Of Questions	2,216
Of Notices of Motion	5,368
Of Orders of the Day	4,198
Of Contingent Notices ... ..	...
Daily Average	11,772
	110
10. Contingent Notice Papers	3
11. Orders for Papers	3
12. Addresses for Papers ... ..	...
13. Other Addresses	2
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—	
By Message	6
By Command	492
In Returns to Orders	5
In Returns to Addresses ... ..	...
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	8
Ordered to be Printed	245
Not ordered to be Printed	266
	511
	511
	15.

15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1915-16, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.		Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
					h.	m.		
	1915							
1	15 June	Tuesday	12 noon	6:21 p.m.	h.	m.	h.	m.
2	16	Wednesday	4 o'clock p.m.	8:55 p.m.	6	21	...	13
3	17	Thursday	4	4:35 p.m.	4	55	...	3
4	22	Tuesday	4	11:21 p.m.	0	35	...	1
5	23	Wednesday	4	10:16 p.m.	7	21	...	8
6	24	Thursday	4	11:47 p.m.	6	16	...	5
7	29	Tuesday	4	12:21 a.m.	7	47	...	3
8	30	Wednesday	4	11:24 p.m.	8	21	0 21	5
9	1 July	Thursday	4	2:1 a.m.	7	24	...	6
10	6	Tuesday	4	7:50 p.m.	10	1	2 1	15
11	7	Wednesday	4	9:23 p.m.	3	50	...	11
12	8	Thursday	4	11:57 p.m.	5	23	...	20
13	13	Tuesday	4	4:37 p.m.	7	57	...	10
14	14	Wednesday	4	1:16 a.m.	0	37	...	1
15	15	Thursday	4	3:25 a.m.	9	18	1 16	22
16	20	Tuesday	4	9:45 p.m.	11	23	3 23	12
17	21	Wednesday	4	2:10 a.m.	5	45	...	5
18	22	Thursday	4	11:39 p.m.	10	10	2 10	11
19	27	Tuesday	4	11:34 p.m.	7	39	...	4
20	28	Wednesday	4	1:16 a.m.	7	34	...	7
21	10 August	Tuesday	4	8:9 p.m.	9	16	1 16	11
22	11	Wednesday	4	1:48 a.m.	4	9	...	10
23	12	Thursday	4	9:34 p.m.	9	48	1 48	12
24	17	Tuesday	4	10:54 p.m.	5	34	...	16
25	18	Wednesday	4	9:40 p.m.	6	54	...	8
26	19	Thursday	4	12:5 a.m.	5	40	...	13
27	24	Tuesday	4	8:44 p.m.	8	5	0 5	16
28	25	Wednesday	4	1:21 a.m.	4	44	...	7
29	26	Thursday	4	1:43 a.m.	9	21	1 21	9
30	31	Tuesday	4	4:39 p.m.	9	43	1 43	8
31	1 September	Wednesday	4	11:45 p.m.	0	39	...	2
32	2	Thursday	4	10:47 p.m.	7	45	...	11
33	7	Tuesday	4	2:8 a.m.	6	47	...	13
34	8	Wednesday	4	10:52 p.m.	10	8	2 8	9
35	9	Thursday	4	12:3 a.m.	6	52	...	9
36	14	Tuesday	4	11:22 p.m.	8	3	0 3	7
37	15	Wednesday	4	1:50 a.m.	7	22	...	11
38	16	Thursday	4	10:36 p.m.	9	50	1 50	5
39	21	Tuesday	4	1:11 a.m.	6	36	...	8
40	22	Wednesday	4	2:9 a.m.	9	11	1 11	14
41	23	Thursday	4	11:3 p.m.	10	9	2 9	8
42	28	Tuesday	4	1:29 a.m.	7	3	...	9
43	29	Wednesday	4	12:48 a.m.	9	29	1 29	14
44	30	Thursday	4	10:7 p.m.	8	48	0 48	12
45	5 October	Tuesday	4	10:29 p.m.	6	7	...	14
46	6	Wednesday	4	11:24 p.m.	6	29	...	9
47	7	Thursday	4	5:1 a.m.	7	24	...	11
48	12	Tuesday	4	11:38 p.m.	13	1	5 1	12
49	13	Wednesday	4	11:36 p.m.	7	38	...	10
50	14	Thursday	4	3:53 a.m.	7	36	...	8
51	19	Tuesday	4	11:36 p.m.	11	53	3 53	12
52	20	Wednesday	4	2:35 a.m.	7	36	...	11
53	21	Thursday	4	9:24 p.m.	10	35	2 35	8
54	26	Tuesday	4	11:2 p.m.	5	24	...	14
55	27	Wednesday	4	12:25 a.m.	7	2	...	10
56	28	Thursday	4	2:84 a.m.	8	25	0 25	9
57	2 November	Tuesday	4	10:43 p.m.	10	34	2 34	12
58	3	Wednesday	4	1:50 a.m.	6	43	...	9
59	4	Thursday	4	12:15 a.m.	9	50	1 50	10
60	9	Tuesday	4	10:57 p.m.	8	15	0 15	8
61	10	Wednesday	4	10:49 p.m.	6	57	...	6
62	11	Thursday	4	6:58 p.m.	6	49	...	12
63	16	Tuesday	4	11:35 p.m.	2	58	...	9
64	17	Wednesday	4	11:49 p.m.	7	35	...	11
65	18	Thursday	4	7:23 a.m.	7	49	...	10
66	23	Tuesday	4	12:41 a.m.	15	23	7 23	8
67	24	Wednesday	4	11:44 p.m.	8	41	0 41	9
68	25	Thursday	4	2:27 a.m.	7	44	...	7
69	30	Tuesday	12 noon 4 o'clock p.m.	12:34 p.m. 12:36 a.m.	10	27	2 27	9
70	1 December	Wednesday	4	6:29 p.m., 2 Dec.	0	34	...	11
71	7	Tuesday	4	4:40 p.m.	8	36	0 36	12
72	8	Wednesday	4	6:2 a.m.	0	40	...	1
73	9	Thursday	4	2:27 a.m.	14	2	6 2	10
74	10	Friday	4	1:9 a.m.	10	27	2 27	15
75	13	Monday	4	1:31 a.m.	9	9	1 9	20
76	14	Tuesday	4	8:40 a.m.	9	31	1 31	9
77	15	Wednesday	4	12:5 a.m., 17 Dec.	16	40	8 40	16
78	1916 29 February	Tuesday	4	11:15 p.m.	32	5	24 5	41

Sittings of the House—continued.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
	1916				h. m.	h. m.	
79	1 March	Wednesday	4 o'clock p.m.	12:19 a.m.	8 19	0 19	9
80	2 "	Thursday	4 "	11:21 p.m.	7 21	...	10
81	3 "	Friday	4 "	5:51 p.m.	1 51	...	10
82	6 "	Monday	4 "	11:34 p.m.	7 34	...	7
83	7 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:22 p.m.	7 22	...	11
84	8 "	Wednesday	4 "	5:39 a.m.	13 39	5 39	12
85	9 "	Thursday	4 "	12:12 a.m.	8 12	0 12	10
86	10 "	Friday	4 "	10:15 p.m.	6 15	...	7
87	14 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:45 p.m.	7 45	...	12
88	15 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:21 p.m.	7 21	...	12
89	16 "	Thursday	4 "	1:1 a.m.	9 1	1 1	11
90	20 "	Monday	4 "	12:9 a.m.	8 9	0 9	6
91	21 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:39 a.m.	8 39	0 39	9
92	22 "	Wednesday	4 "	5:10 a.m.	13 10	5 10	7
93	23 "	Thursday	4 "	11 p.m.	7 0	...	15
94	27 "	Monday	4 "	10:30 p.m.	6 30	...	9
95	28 "	Tuesday	4 "	5:2 p.m.	1 2	...	1
96	29 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:32 a.m.	8 32	0 32	10
97	30 "	Thursday	4 "	3:10 a.m.	11 10	3 10	10
98	31 "	Friday	4 "	11:51 p.m.	7 51	...	12
99	3 April	Monday	4 "	11:15 p.m.	7 15	...	9
100	4 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:52 p.m.	7 52	...	6
101	5 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:34 a.m.	8 34	0 34	20
102	6 "	Thursday	4 "	1:46 a.m.	9 46	1 46	18
103	7 "	Friday	4 "	11:29 p.m.	7 29	...	14
104	10 "	Monday	4 "	5:30 a.m.	13 30	5 30	11
105	11 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:5 a.m.	8 5	0 5	13
106	12 "	Wednesday	4 "	9:7 p.m.	5 7	...	12
107	13 "	Thursday	4 "	12:1 a.m.	8 1	0 1	23
Total					895 26	140 1	1,113

Average length of sitting daily, 8 hours 22 minutes.

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 26th April, 1916.W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor, recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 ^o .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 ^o and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report Adopted.	Read 3 ^o , Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Apiaries	Mr. Ashford	1915	1915	1915	1915	1915	1915		1915	1915	1915	1915	1916	1916			1916	24	Message to Council, requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 27 October, 1915.
Apprentices (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	21 Sept.	10 Nov.		11 Nov.		16 Nov.		16 Nov.	16 Nov.	17 Nov.		24 Nov.	15 Dec.			20 Feb. 1915	58	
Appropriation	Mr. J. H. Cann	2 Nov.		2 Dec.	2 Dec.		2 Dec.		2 Dec.	2 Dec.	2 Dec.	2 Dec.					8 Dec.	39	Founded on resolution of Ways and Means.
Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall					14 Oct.							16 Nov.	1 Dec.			14 Dec.	41	Message to Council, requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 14 October, 1915. Title amended by Council.
Bakeries	Mr. D. R. Hall	9 Dec. a.m.	9 Dec. a.m.		9 Dec. a.m.		23 Mar. a.m.		1916	1916	1916		3 April	3 April	5 April				Report adopted on casting vote of Mr. Speaker. Not returned by Council.
Baking Hours	Mr. Estell		5 Nov. a.m.		5 Nov. a.m.		1915		1915	1915	1915								Stopped by prorogation.
Barmedman to Rankin's Springs Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	10 Dec.	10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.	15 Dec. a.m.					29 Feb. 1915	46	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Bowenfels to Diwana Railway Deviation	Mr. J. H. Cann	6 July	7 July		7 July		7 July		7 July	7 July	7 July	21 July					28 July	19	Standing Orders suspended—By consent—7 July, 1915.
Bread (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	1 Sept.																	Stopped by prorogation.
Broken Hill Trades Hall Site Extension	Mr. J. H. Cann		30 Sept.		14 Oct.		21 Oct.		21 Oct.	21 Oct.	26 Oct.	8 Dec.					15 Dec. 1916	42	
Broken Hill Water Supply Administration	Mr. J. H. Cann	17 Aug.	2 Sept.		2 Sept.		6 Oct.		6 Oct.	6 Oct.	12 Oct.	9 Dec.					29 Feb.	43	
Canowindra to Engowra Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	10 Dec.	10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.	15 Dec. a.m.					29 Feb. 1915	48	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
City and Suburban Electric Railways	Mr. J. H. Cann	8 July	8 July		8 July		22 July 1916		28 July 1916	28 July 1916	12 Aug. 1916		30 Sept.	5 Oct.			19 Oct.	29	
City and Suburban Electric Railways (Amendment)	Mr. J. H. Cann				5 April		7 April a.m. 1915		7 April a.m. 1915	7 April a.m. 1915	7 April 1915								Not returned by Council.
Closer Settlement (Super Tax)	Mr. Ashford	23 Sept.	23 Sept.		23 Sept.		13 Oct.		27 Oct.	28 Oct.	3 Nov.								Not returned by Council.
Commonwealth Loans (Investment Enabling)	Mr. Holman	16 Dec.	16 Dec.		16 Dec.		16 Dec.		16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.					29 Feb. 1916	63	
Commonwealth Powers (War)	Mr. Holman		11 Nov.		11 Nov.		13 Dec.		13 Dec.	13 Dec.	13 Dec.	15 Dec.					29 Feb.	65	3 ^o taken by consent. Point of Order:—Parliament had no power to delegate to the Commonwealth any Legislative powers expressly reserved to the State under the Constitution Act. Ruled against by Mr. Speaker.
Commonwealth War Loan (Investment Enabling)	Mr. Holman		18 Aug.		18 Aug. 1915		18 Aug. 1916		18 Aug. 1916	18 Aug. 1916	18 Aug. 1916		19 Aug.	19 Aug.			1 Sept. 1915	22	Standing Orders suspended, 18 August, 1915. Title amended by Council.
Constitution (Public Service) Amendment	Mr. D. R. Hall				22 Mar. a.m. 1916		23 Mar. a.m.		23 Mar.	23 Mar.	27 Mar.								Not returned by Council.
Contracts Revision	Mr. D. R. Hall	2 Sept.	2 Sept.		2 Sept.														Stopped by prorogation.

* Assent not reported during Session.

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

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No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16—continued.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor, recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 ^o .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 ^o and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 ^o , Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.	
Craboon to Coolah Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 10 Dec. 1916	1915 10 Dec. 1916	1915	1915 10 Dec. 1916	1915	1915 10 Dec. 1916		1915 10 Dec. 1916	1915 10 Dec. 1916	1915 10 Dec. 1916	1915 15 Dec. a.m.	1916	1916	1916	1915 29 Feb.		50	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.	
Crookwell to Wheeo Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	31 Mar. 1915	7 April a.m. 1915		7 April a.m. 1915		7 April a.m. 1915		7 April a.m.	7 April a.m.	7 April a.m.									Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—6 April, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Crown Lands Amendment	Mr. Ashford	12 Aug. a.m.	12 Aug. a.m.		12 Aug. a.m.		12 Aug. a.m.		12 Sept. 16 Sept.							16 Nov.				Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn, 16 November, 1915.
Crown Lands Amendment (No. 2)	Mr. Ashford				23 Nov.		14 Dec. a.m.		14 Mar. 1915	14 Mar. 1915	16 Mar. 1915		13 April 1915	13 April 1915					29	Introduced under former Order of Leave, 23 November, 1915.
Dairy Industry	Mr. Ashford	21 July				22 July + a.m.	23 Sept. a.m. 1916		8 Oct. a.m. 1916	8 Oct. a.m. 1916	12 Oct. 1916		30 Nov. 1916	14 Dec. a.m.					45	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 22 July, 1915, a.m.
Darvall-street Bridge Removal	Mr. J. H. Cann	21 Oct.	21 Oct.		21 Oct.		2 Mar.		2 Mar.	2 Mar.	3 Mar.	14 Mar.							4	
Dofamation (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall			17 Nov.	17 Nov.		1 Mar. 1915		1 Mar. 1915	1 Mar. 1915	6 Mar. 1915									Not returned by Council.
Department of Agriculture Building	Mr. J. H. Cann	10 Dec.	11 Dec. a.m.		11 Dec. a.m.		11 Dec. a.m.		11 Dec. a.m.	11 Dec. a.m.	11 Dec. a.m.	30 Mar.							7	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Early Closing	Mr. Estell	24 Aug.	27 Aug. a.m.		27 Aug. a.m.							1915								Stopped by prorogation.
Early Closing (Amendment)	Mr. Estell		14 Dec. a.m.		14 Dec. a.m.		16 Dec.		16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.							64	
Eight Hours	Mr. Estell	8 July	12 Aug. a.m.		12 Aug. a.m.		9 Sept.		4 Nov. a.m.	4 Nov.	9 Nov.		15 Dec.		2 Mar. a.m. (a)				11	(a) Council insists upon Amendments disagreed to by Assembly, 23 March, 1916. Assembly insists upon disagreements from Council's Amendments, and requests Free Conference, 27 March, 1916. Council agrees to Conference, time and place appointed, 29 March, 1916. Conference postponed, 29 March, 1916. Postponement agreed to by Council, 30 March, 1916, a.m. Report brought up and leave granted to sit again, 30 March, 1916. Report brought up and adopted, 31 March, 1916. Message from Council, 31 March, 1916. Message to Council, 3 April, 1916.
Enemy Contracts Annulment	Mr. D. R. Hall	15 July	16 July a.m.		16 July a.m.		18 Aug.		18 Aug.	18 Aug.	19 Aug.	8 Sept.							24	
Fair Rents	Mr. Griffith	14 July	19 Aug.		19 Aug.		27 Aug. a.m.		30 Sept. a.m.	30 Sept.	6 Oct.		11 Nov.		2 Dec.		1915 14 Sept. 1916.		66	Point of Order:—That no power under Constitution Act to bind Crown—Mr. Speaker ruled Bill in order, 27 August, 1916, a.m. Message to Council disagreeing, amending, and agreeing, 9 December, a.m. Council insists, disagrees, does not insist, and agrees, 15 December, 1915. Assembly insists upon its disagreements from the Council's Amendments, &c., and requests Free Conference, 15 December, 1915. Council agrees to Conference, time and place appointed, 16 December, 1915. Report brought up and adopted, 16 December, 1915. Message from Council, 16 December, 1915. Message to Council, 16 December, 1915.
Finance (Taxation)	Mr. Holman	9 Dec.		15 Dec.	15 Dec. a.m.		16 Dec. a.m.		15 Dec. a.m.	15 Dec. a.m.	15 Dec.	15 Dec.							57	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means.
Finance Taxation Management	Mr. Holman	9 Dec.	15 Dec. a.m.		15 Dec. a.m.		15 Dec. a.m.		15 Dec. a.m.	15 Dec. a.m.	15 Dec.		15 Dec.	16 Dec.					60	Standing Orders suspended, 15 December, 1915, a.m. Title amended by Council.
Gilgandra to Collie Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	10 Dec.	10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.	15 Dec. a.m.							47	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Glen Innes Water Supply	Mr. J. H. Cann	10 Dec. 1916	11 Dec. a.m. 1916		11 Dec. a.m. 1916		11 Dec. a.m. 1916		11 Dec. a.m.	11 Dec. a.m.	11 Dec. a.m.	15 Dec. a.m.							53	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Government Railways (Amendment)	Mr. Holman	5 April 1915	6 April a.m.		6 April a.m.		11 April a.m.		1916	1916	1916		1916							Stopped by prorogation.
Government Railways (Appeals)	Mr. Hoyle	14 July 1916	7 Mar.		7 Mar.		7 April		7 April	7 April	10 April		13 April							Stopped by prorogation.
Government Savings Bank (Amendment)	Mr. Hoyle	16 Mar.	12 April		12 April		12 April		12 April	12 April	12 April	13 April							26	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—12 April, 1916.

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Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Administration.	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 27 July	1915 2 Sept.	1915	1915 2 Sept.	1915 6 Oct.	1915 6 Oct.	1915 6 Oct.	1915 7 Oct.	1915 23 Nov.	1915	1915 30 Nov.	38		
Grafton to South Grafton Railway.	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 10 Dec.	1915 10 Dec.	.....	1915 10 Dec.	.....	1915 10 Dec.	.....	1915 11 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	1915 15 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1915 29 Feb.	51	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Grain Elevator	Mr. Grahame	1916 16 Mar.	1916 17 Mar. a.m. 1915	.....	1916 17 Mar. a.m. 1915	.....	1916 20 Mar.	.....	1916 20 Mar.	1916 20 Mar.	1916 22 Mar. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ruling of Speaker on decision of resolution for referring subject to Public Works Committee. Not returned by Council.
Greater Sydney (changed from Metropolitan Municipal).	Mr. Griffith	1915 14 July	1915 23 Sept. a.m.	.....	1915 23 Sept. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Henty to Billabong Creek Railway...	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1916 31 Mar.	1916 7 April a.m.	.....	1916 7 April a.m.	.....	1916 7 April a.m.	.....	1916 7 April a.m.	1916 7 April a.m.	1916 7 April a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—6 April, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Hermidale to Nymageo Railway.....	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 6 April	1915 7 April a.m.	.....	1915 7 April a.m.	.....	1915 7 April a.m.	.....	1915 7 April a.m.	1915 7 April a.m.	1915 7 April a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—6 April, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Honeysuckle Point and Henty Cemeteries.	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 21 Oct.	1915 21 Oct. a.m.	.....	1915 21 Oct. a.m.	.....	1915 2 Mar.	.....	1915 2 Mar.	1915 2 Mar.	1915 3 Mar.	1915 14 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam).	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1916 3 April	1916 7 April a.m.	.....	1916 7 April a.m.	.....	1915 7 April a.m.	.....	1915 7 April a.m.	1915 7 April a.m.	1915 7 April a.m.	1915 13 April	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illawarra Railway Deviation (Otford to Clifton).	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 6 July	1915 7 July	.....	1915 7 July	.....	1915 7 July	.....	1915 7 July	1915 7 July	1915 7 July	1915 11 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1915 10 Aug.	21	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—7 July, 1916.
Indecent Evidence Publication.....	Mr. D. R. Hall .....	.....	.....	1915 17 Nov.	1915 17 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Industrial Arbitration (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	1916 1 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Order of Day discharged, 30 March, 1916.
Industrial Arbitration (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	1916 16 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bill not brought in.
Industrial Arbitration (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	1916 31 Mar.	1916 3 April	.....	1916 3 April	.....	1916 6 April	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Inverell Water Supply	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 10 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	.....	1915 17 Mar. a.m. 1915	.....	1915 11 Dec. a.m. 1916	.....	1915 11 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	1915 15 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1916 20 Feb.	55	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Irrigation (Amendment)	Mr. Grahame	1916 16 Mar.	1916 17 Mar. a.m. 1915	.....	1916 11 Dec. a.m.	.....	1915 20 Mar.	.....	1915 20 Mar.	1915 20 Mar.	1915 22 Mar.	1915 11 April	1915 11 April	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Junee Water Supply Administration	Mr. J. H. Cann...	1915 7 Sept.	1915 30 Sept	.....	1915 30 Sept.	.....	1915 21 Oct.	.....	1915 21 Oct.	1915 21 Oct.	1915 26 Oct.	1915 23 Nov.	1915 11 Dec. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	1915 29 Feb.	60	.....
Law of Evidence	Mr. Holman .....	.....	.....	.....	1915 15 June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liquor Amendment)	Mr. Holman	1915 28 Oct. a.m.	1915 28 Oct. a.m.	1915 28 Oct.	1915 28 Oct.	1915 28 Oct.	1915 4 Nov. a.m.	1915 14 Dec.	1915 15 Dec. (a)	1915 27 Mar. (b)	Pro forma Bill. Title amended by Council. (a) Assembly disagrees and agrees, 15 December, 1915. Council insists, 16 December, 1915. (b) Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn. Message acquitting Council, 27 March, 1916.
Liquor Referendum	Mr. Holman	1916 7 Mar.	1916 9 Mar. a.m.	.....	1916 9 Mar. a.m.	.....	1916 9 Mar.	1916 14 Mar.	1916 15 Mar.	1916 15 Mar.	1916 16 Mar.	1916 30 Mar.	.....	.....	1916 3 April (b)	.....	1916 12 April	10	(b) Council's Amendments disagreed to, amended and agreed to. Message to Council, 3 April, 1916. Council does not insist upon Amendment disagreed to, and agrees to Assembly's Amendments upon its Amendments, 4 April, 1916.
Loan	Mr. Holman	1915 14 Dec.	.....	.....	1915 15 Dec. a.m.	.....	1915 15 Dec. a.m.	.....	1915 15 Dec. a.m.	1915 15 Dec. a.m.	1915 15 Dec. a.m.	1915 15 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1915 29 Feb.	60	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means. Points of Order—Bill not complying with section 24 Public Works Act. Ruled against by Mr. Speaker, 15 December, 1915, a.m.
Loans (Interest)	Mr. Holman .....	.....	1915 6 Oct.	.....	1915 6 Oct.	.....	1915 19 Oct.	.....	1915 19 Oct.	1915 19 Oct.	1915 20 Oct.	.....	1915 27 Oct.	.....	1915 4 Nov.	.....	1915 17 Nov.	34	Message from Council not insisting, 4 November, 1915.
Local Government	Mr. Griffith	1915 21 Oct.	1915 2 Dec.	1915 22 Mar. a.m. 1915	Stopped by prorogation.
Local Government (Amendment) ...	Mr. Griffith .....	.....	.....	1915 30 Sept. a.m.	1915 30 Sept. a.m.	.....	1915 12 Oct.	.....	1915 12 Oct.	1915 12 Oct.	1915 13 Oct.	1915 10 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1915 18 Nov.	35	.....
Meat Industry	Mr. Black	1915 29 Sept.	1915 28 Oct.	1915 16 Nov	1915 9 Dec. a.m.	1915 9 Dec. a.m.	1915 9 Dec.	1915 15 Dec.	1915 16 Dec.	1916 20 Feb.	09	

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Medical Practitioners (Amendment)	Mr. Griffith	1915 14 July	1915 30 Sept. a.m.	1915	1915 30 Sept. a.m.		1915 12 Oct.	1916	1915 12 Oct.	1915 12 Oct.	1915 13 Oct.	1915	1915 13 Oct.	1915 20 Oct.	1916		1915 10 Nov.	53	Message to Council agreeing, and amending, 20 October, 1915. Message from Council agreeing to Amendment upon its amendment, but further amending, 21 October, 1915. Council's Amendments agreed to, 3 November, 1915. Not returned by Council.	
Members of Parliament (Agents)	Mr. Ashford	1916 3 Mar. 1915	1916 3 Mar. 1915		1916 3 Mar. 1915		1916 7 Mar. 1915		1916 7 Mar.	1916 7 Mar.	1916 15 Mar.									
Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Amendment.	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 7 Sept.	1915 30 Sept.		1915 5 Oct.		1915 21 Oct.		1915 2 Mar.	1915 2 Mar.	1915 6 Mar.		1916 30 Mar.	1916 7 April a.m.				*	13	
Military and Naval Hospital Home (Changed from State Children Relief Amendment).	Mr. Griffith	1915 14 July	1915 16 July a.m.		1915 16 July a.m.		1915 11 Aug.		1915 12 Aug. a.m.	1915 18 Aug.	1915 19 Aug.		1915 9 Mar.							Referred to Select Committee, 22 July, a.m. Standing Orders suspended. Resolution rescinded, and Order of the Day restored, 29 July, 1915, a.m. Title amended in Committee, 12 August, 1915, a.m. 3 ^o . Point of Order:—That scope of Bill was wider than was contemplated by Message. Ruled against by Mr. Speaker, 19 August, 1915. Title and short title amended by Council, 9 March, 1916. Stopped by prorogation. Council requests permission to examine the Hon. Arthur Griffith, Minister of Public Instruction, 1 September, 1915. Council requests permission to examine Thomas Henley, Esquire, 2 September, 1915.
Mirool to Hillston Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	1916 10 Dec.	1916 10 Dec.		1916 10 Dec.		1916 10 Dec.		1916 10 Dec.	1916 10 Dec.	1916 10 Dec.	1916 13 Dec.					1916 29 Feb.	44	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.	
Molong to Dubbo Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 3 April	1915 7 April a.m. 1915		1915 7 April a.m. 1915		1915 7 April		1915 7 April	1915 7 April	1915 7 April									Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—6 April, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Moneylenders and Infants' oans (Amendment).	Mr. D. R. Hall		1915 28 Oct.		1915 17 Nov.															Stopped by prorogation.
Munitions	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 14 Oct. 1916	1915 14 Oct. 1916		1915 14 Oct. 1916		1915 19 Oct. 1916		1915 19 Oct. 1916	1915 19 Oct.	1915 20 Oct.	1915 27 Oct.					1915 2 Nov.	30		
Naturalised Subjects Franchise	Mr. Holman	1915 7 Mar.	1915 7 Mar.		1915 7 Mar.		1915 10 Mar.		1915 10 Mar.	1915 10 Mar.	1915 14 Mar.		1915 29 Mar.		1915 5 April (b)		*	14	Point of Order:—That the Bill was <i>ultra vires</i> . Ruled against by Mr. Speaker. Title amended by Council. (b) Amendments disagreed to and agreed to, 5 April, 1916. Message from Council not insisting, 7 April, 1916.	
Orange Water Supply	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 10 Dec.	1915 11 Dec. a.m. 1916		1915 11 Dec. a.m. 1916		1915 11 Dec. a.m. 1916		1915 11 Dec. a.m. 1916	1915 11 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	1915 11 Dec.	1915 15 Dec. a.m.				1916 29 Feb.	54	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.	
Police Appeal	Mr. Black	1915 18 Aug.	1915 3 Mar.		1915 3 Mar.		1915 9 Mar. a.m.		1915 10 Mar. a.m.	1915 10 Mar. a.m.	1915 10 Mar.	1915								Not returned by Council.
Police Superannuation Amendment	Mr. Black	1915 18 Aug.	1915		1915		1915		1915	1915	1915	1915	1915							Bill not brought in.
Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment.	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 25 Nov.	1915 23 Mar.		1915 23 Mar.		1915 29 Mar.		1915 20 Mar.	1915 29 Mar.	1915 31 Mar.	1915 13 April					*	23		
Probate Duties War Exemption	Mr. Holman	1915 16 Dec.	1915 16 Dec.		1915 16 Dec.		1915 16 Dec.		1915 16 Dec.	1915 16 Dec.	1915 16 Dec.	1915 16 Dec.					1915 29 Feb.	62	Bill taken through all stages by consent.	
Public Accountants	Mr. Hickey			1915 12 Oct.	1915 12 Oct.		1915 21 Mar.													Point of Order:—That as Bill interfered with Trade it should have been introduced in Committee of Whole. Ruled against by Mr. Speaker, 16 November, 1915. Stopped by prorogation.
Public Instruction (Amendment)	Mr. Griffith	1915 18 Aug.	1915 12 Oct.		1915 27 Oct.		1915 4 Nov.		1916 11 April a.m.	1916 11 April a.m.	1916 12 April									Not returned by Council.
Public Service (Temporary Officers)	Mr. D. R. Hall	1915 5 Oct.	1915 5 Oct.		1915 5 Oct.		1915 9 Nov. 1916		1915 9 Nov. 1916	1915 9 Nov.	1915 10 Nov.	1915	1915 25 Nov.	1915 1 Dec. a.m.			1915 14 Dec. 1916	40		
Public Works (Costs)	Mr. D. R. Hall		1915 17 Nov.		1915 17 Nov.		1915 1 Mar.		1915 1 Mar.	1915 1 Mar.	1915 3 Mar.		1915 22 Mar.	1915 23 Mar.			1915 4 April	6		
Public Works (Declaratory)	Mr. D. R. Hall	1915 30 Sept.	1915 30 Sept.		1915 30 Sept.															Stopped by prorogation.

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Railways Crossings	Mr. Holman	1915 7 July	1916	1916	1916	1916 29 Feb. †	1916 8 Mar.		1916 16 Mar.	1916 16 Mar.	1916 20 Mar.		1916 23 Mar.	1916	1916 27 Mar. (a)		1916 10 April	9	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 20 February, 1916. (a) Message from Council not insisting, 20 March, 1916.	
Returned Soldiers' Settlement	Mr. Ashford	1916 14 Mar.	14 Mar.		15 Mar.		20 Mar.		27 Mar.	27 Mar.	29 Mar.		11 April	12 April				21 23		
River Murray Waters (Amendment)	Mr. J. H. Cann			5 April	5 April		7 April a.m. 1915		7 April a.m. 1915	7 April a.m. 1915	7 April a.m. 1915	13 April								
Boslyn to Taralga Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 10 Dec.	1915 10 Dec.		1915 10 Dec.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.	1915 10 Dec.	1915 10 Dec.	1915 10 Dec.	1915 15 Dec. a.m.					29 Feb.	49	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Rural Tenants' Improvements	Mr. Ashford	23 Sept.	23 Sept.		23 Sept.		13 Oct.		21 Oct. a.m.	21 Oct. a.m.	26 Oct.									Not returned by Council.
Shearers and Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation.	Mr. Estell	15 July	12 Aug. a.m.		12 Aug. a.m.											1916 31 Mar.				Order of Day discharged and Bill withdrawn, 31 March, 1916.
State Children Relief Amendment (Changed to Military and Naval Hospital Home).	Mr. Griffith	14 July																		
State Coal Mines (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	25 Aug. 1916	27 Aug. a.m. 1916		27 Aug. 1916 a.m.		6 Oct. 1916		6 Oct. 1916	6 Oct. 1916	7 Oct. 1916	18 Nov.						1915 24 Nov.	36	
State Coal Mines (Land Acquisition)	Mr. Estell	23 Mar.	23 Mar.		23 Mar.		27 Mar.		27 Mar.	27 Mar.	29 Mar.									Not returned by Council. Bill not brought in.
State Labour Exchanges	Mr. Estell	14 July																		
Stock Brands (Amendment)	Mr. Grahame	15 July	1915 5 Oct.		1915 5 Oct.		1915		1915	1915	1915									Stopped by prorogation.
Stock Diseases (Tick) Amendment	Mr. Grahame		1916 2 July a.m.		2 July a.m.		7 July		7 July	7 July	8 July		1915 18 Aug.	1915 26 Aug. a.m. 1916				7 Sept.	23	
Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms).	Mr. Black		20 Aug. a.m.		20 Aug. a.m.		21 Sept.		30 Sept. 15 Oct.	30 Sept. 15 Oct.	21 Oct. a.m.		1916 6 April	1916 11 April					19	
Superannuation	Mr. Griffith					1915 22 July a.m. †		14 Oct.	15 Oct. a.m.	15 Oct. a.m.			7 April						23	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 22nd July, a.m. Council's Amendments reviewed by Speaker, 10 April, 1916. Council's Amendments disagreed and agreed to, 11 April, 1916, a.m. Council insists and does not insist on amendments disagreed to, 13 April, 1916. Assembly insists upon disagreement to Council's amendment disagreed to by Assembly, and requests Free Conference, 13 April, 1916. Council agrees to Conference, and time and place appointed, 13 April, 1916. Names of Managers called over by Acting Clerk, one not answering and two refusing to act, fresh appointments made, 13 April, 1916. Report brought up and agreed to, 13 April, 1916. Message from and Message to Council agreeing that clause 1 shall read as set out in Report of Managers, 13 April, 1916.
Supply	Mr. Holman	7 July			15 July a.m.		15 July a.m.		15 July a.m.	15 July a.m.	15 July a.m.	21 July						23 July	18	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders suspended—14 July, 1915.
Supply (No. 2)	Mr. Hoyle	23 Sept.			29 Sept. a.m.		29 Sept. a.m.		29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.	30 Sept. a.m.						30 Sept.	26	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders suspended, 23 September, 1915.
Sydney Corporation (Amendment)	Mr. Black		5 Nov. a.m. 1916		5 Nov. 1916 a.m.		9 Nov.		9 Nov. 1916	9 Nov. 1916	10 Nov. 1916		17 Nov. 1915	19 Nov. 1915				24 Nov. 1916	37	
Sydney Corporation (Amendment) (No. 2).	Mr. Holman		31 Mar.		31 Mar. 1915		3 April		7 April 1915	7 April 1915	7 April 1915		12 April 1915	12 April 1915				13 April		Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—31 March, 1916.
Sydney Corporation (Election of Mayor).	Mr. Holman			15 Dec.	15 Dec.		15 Dec.		15 Dec. 1916	15 Dec. 1916	15 Dec. 1916		16 Dec. a.m.	16 Dec. a.m.				29 Feb.	61	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—15 December, 1915.
Sydney Harbour Bridge	Mr. J. H. Cann	1916 3 Mar.	9 Mar. 1915		9 Mar. 1915 a.m.		10 Mar.		10 Mar. 1915	10 Mar. 1915	14 Mar. 1915									Not returned by Council.
Tamworth Water Supply	Mr. J. H. Cann	1915 10 Dec.	11 Dec. a.m. 1916		11 Dec. a.m.		11 Dec. a.m.		11 Dec. a.m. 1916	11 Dec. a.m.	11 Dec. a.m. 1916		15 Dec. a.m.					29 Feb.	52	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—10 December, 1915.
Tarara to Oberon Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	1916 31 Mar.	7 April a.m.		7 April a.m.		7 April a.m.		7 April a.m.	7 April a.m.	7 April a.m.									Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—6 April, 1916. Not returned by Council.

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Totalisator	Mr. Osborne	1915	1915	1915	1916 31 Mar.		1916	1916	1915	1915	1915	1916	1916	1915	1915		1915		Urgency to introduce, negatived on casting vote of Speaker, 30 March, 1916, a.m. Urgency to introduce again, proposed. Point of Order.—That question had already been discussed. Ruled against by Mr. Speaker, 31 March, 1916. Motion agreed to. Motion made for suspension of Standing Orders. Privilege—Question of—Point of Order. Privilege could not intervene at this stage. Ruled in Order by Deputy-Speaker. Further Point of Order that matter had not suddenly arisen as contemplated by Standing Order No. 158, upheld by Deputy-Speaker. Motion agreed to, 31 March, 1916. Motion to take 2 ^o as a matter of urgency, negatived, 4 April, 1916. Stopped by prorogation.
Trade Union (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	8 July	18 July		1915 16 July a.m.		10 Dec.		10 Dec.	10 Dec.	10 Dec.		29 Mar. 1915						Stopped by prorogation.
Trustees' Delegation of Powers	Mr. D. R. Hall		30 Sept.		30 Sept.		5 Oct.		6 Oct.	6 Oct.	7 Oct.		25 Oct. a.m.	23 Oct.			10 Nov.	31	Point of Order.—That as Bill proposed to amend certain Act without mention in Title it was out of order. Overruled by Deputy-Speaker, 5 October, 1915.
Valuation of Land	Mr. Griffith	14 July	8 July		20 July											18 Aug.			Order of the day discharged, and Bill withdrawn, 18 August, 1915.
Valuation of Land (No. 2)	Mr. Griffith			18 Aug.	18 Aug.		8 Sept.		15 Sept.	15 Sept.	16 Sept.		3 Nov.		18 Nov.		20 Mar.	2	Introduced under former Order of Leave. Point of Order.—That Bill exceeded scope of Order of Leave.—Ruled against by Mr. Speaker, 8 September, 1915. Amendments disagreed and agreed to, 18 November, 1915. Council insists and not does insist upon its Amendments, disagreed to, 15 December, 1915. Assembly insists upon its disagreement and requests a Free Conference, 7 March, 1916. Council agrees to Conference and appoints Managers, 8 March, 1916. Report of Conference, 8 March, 1916. Council no longer insists upon its amendment, but inserts certain words, 8 March, 1916. Assembly still insists upon its disagreement and agrees to the Council's Amendment, 8 March, 1916.
Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels)	Mr. J. H. Cann	1916 8 Mar.	1916 9 Mar.		1916 9 Mar.		1916 16 Mar.		1916 16 Mar.	1916 16 Mar.	1916 20 Mar.	30 Mar.					10 April	8	
Weights and Measures (Amendment)	Mr. Black	1915 26 Oct.	3 Mar. 1915		3 Mar. 1915		10 Mar. 1915		10 Mar. 1915	14 Mar. 1915	14 Mar. 1915		11 April a.m. 1915		11 April (a)				(a) Amendments disagreed and agreed to, 11 April, 1916. Stopped by prorogation.
Wheat Acquisition (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall	18 Aug.	18 Aug.		18 Aug.		2 Sept.		8 Sept.	8 Sept.	9 Sept.		30 Sept. a.m.	30 Sept.			7 Oct.	23	
Wheat Acquisition (Continuation)	Mr. D. R. Hall	7 July	8 July		8 July											9 Sept.			Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn, 9 September, 1915.
Wine Adulteration	Mr. D. R. Hall		2 Mar. a.m.		2 Mar. a.m.		1916		1916	1916	1916								Stopped by prorogation.
Workers' Accommodation	Mr. Estell	1916 7 Mar.	14 Mar.		14 Mar.		17 Mar. a.m.		23 Mar. a.m.	23 Mar. a.m.	27 Mar.								Not returned by Council.
Workmen's Compensation (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	1 Mar.	9 Mar. a.m.		9 Mar. a.m.			23 Mar.	23 Mar.	23 Mar.									Stopped by prorogation.
Yaas Water Supply	Mr. J. H. Cann	3 April	7 April a.m.		7 April a.m.		7 April a.m.		7 April a.m.	7 April a.m.	7 April a.m.	13 April						27	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—6 April, 1916.

* Assent not reported during Session.

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

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No. 2.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

Short Titles of—		Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Brought up and read 1 st .	Read 2 ^d and Committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 ^d , passed without Amendment, and returned to Council.	Read 3 ^d , passed with Amendment, and returned to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Public Bills.	Private Bills.											
	Ashtonfields Coal-mines Railway	1915.	1915. 23 Sept.	1915. 19 Oct.	1915.	1916.	1916.	1916.	1916.	1916.		Stopped by prorogation.
	Cathedral (The) Close Amending		5 April 1915.	12 April 1915.	12 April	12 April	12 April	12 April		*	18	
	Clerical Workers (Repeal)		15 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.		29 Feb.	67	
	Dentists (Amendment)	14 July	†	29 Feb.	6 Mar.	7 Mar.		23 Mar. (a)		*	15	(a) Message from Council agreeing to amendments, but further amending certain of such amendments, 7 April, 1916. Council's amendments on Assembly's amendments agreed to 14 April, a.m.
	Height of Buildings (Amendment)		8 Sept. 1916.	29 Feb.	29 Feb.	29 Feb.		2 Mar. a.m.	2 Mar.	15 Mar.	1	
	Illawarra Cottage Hospital		5 April 1915.	11 April 1915.	11 April	11 April	11 April	11 April		*	16	
	Maitland Hospital (Isolation Wards) Enabling		15 July	22 July	22 July	22 July	22 July	22 July		11 Aug. 1916.	20	
	Newcastle District Abattoir and Saleyards Further Amendment		15 Dec. a.m.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.			29 Feb. 1915.	68	
	Newcastle Hospital		1 Sept.	9 Sept.	9 Sept.	9 Sept.		14 Sept.		8 Oct.	27	Message from Council agreeing, but making consequential amendment in Title, 16 September, 1915. Council's amendment agreed to 21 September, 1915.
	Oaths (Amendment)		14 Oct.	17 Nov.	6 Mar. 1916.	6 Mar.	15 Mar.			30 Mar. 1915.	5	
	Prince Alfred Hospital (Government Representation)		26 Aug. 1916.	9 Sept. 1916.	9 Sept.	9 Sept.	14 Sept. 1916.			28 Sept.	25	
	Saint Andrews Church and School Property		5 April	12 April	12 April	12 April	12 April			*		
	Trades Hall and Literary Institute Amendment		9 Mar. 1915.	7 April 1915.	7 April	7 April	7 April			*	17	
	Wallsend Mining District Hospital		29 Sept.	23 Oct.	23 Oct.	23 Oct.	2 Nov.			10 Nov.	32	
	Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validating		27 Oct.									Stopped by prorogation.

* Assent not reported during Session.

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RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY shown on Register No. 1			110
Number of Public Bills brought from the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL shown on Register No. 2			13
Number of Private Bills do do do			2
			131
	Public.	Private.	Total.
Passed and assented to	81		
<i>Pro forma</i> Bill	1		
Not returned by Legislative Council	17		
Stopped by Prorogation	28		
Otherwise disposed of	9		
			131

APPENDIX.

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

1.—PUBLIC BILLS—ASSEMBLY.
Apiaries ; sent to Council.
Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) ; sent to Council.
Dairy Industry ; ordered for second reading.
Railways Crossings ; ordered for second reading.
Superannuation ; sent to Council.
2.—PUBLIC BILLS—COUNCIL.
Dentists (Amendment) ; ordered for second reading.

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Sydney, 26th April, 1916.

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REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

No. of ORDER.	WHEN PASSED.			ON WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER. (Laid on Table.)	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.
	VOTES.				By Address.	By Order.			
	No.	Date.	Entry.						
1	10	1915. 6 July	10	Mr. Fingleton .....	.....	Accidents through passengers entering or alighting from off-side of tram-cars.	1915. 10 August	15/503	1915. 12 August.
2	10	6 July	11	Mr. Fingleton .....	.....	Promotions in Tramway Service	10 August	15/504	12 August.
3	11	7 July	3	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.	.....	Binalong Railway Accident .....	.....	.....	.....
4	11	7 July	4	Mr. Levy .....	.....	Tram-line College-street to near Woolloomooloo Bay	10 August	15/501	.....
5	36	14 September	7	Mr. Mercier .....	.....	Persons arrested for Drunkenness	14 October ..	15/914	14 October.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING FORMER SESSIONS.

No. of ORDER.	WHEN PASSED.			ON WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER. (Laid on Table)	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.
	VOTES.				By Address.	By Order.			
	No.	Date.	Entry.						
104	103	17 Mar., 1892	5	Mr. Garrard .....	.....	Convictions under the Liquor Acts	15 June, 1915	15/187	1915. 6 July. 1916.
104	103	17 Mar., 1892	5	Mr. Garrard	Convictions under the Liquor Acts	11 April, 1916	16/1,479	12 April.

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REGISTER OF ADDRESSES (NOT BEING FOR PAPERS) TO THE GOVERNOR, DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS.	ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY.				WHEN PASSED OR AGREED TO.			WHEN AND HOW PRESENTED.				WHEN AND HOW ANSWERED.				REMARKS.
	VOTES.				VOTES.			VOTES.				VOTES.				
	No.	Date.	Entry.	On whose Motion.	No.	Date.	Entry.	No.	Date.	Entry.	By whom.	No.	Date.	Entry.	By whom and how.	
The Governor's Opening Speech.....	1	1915. 15 June ..	12	Mr. J. G. D. Arkins.	9	1915. 2 July ... a.m.	5	10	1915. 6 July...	1	Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the House	10	1915. 6 July ...	1	His Excel- lency the Governor.	Address in Reply prepared by Se- lect Committee appointed for that purpose.
Address in Reply to the Gracious Message of Sympathy of His Majesty the King in the loss sustained by the House in the death of Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Braund, V.D., and Sergeant E. R. Larkin, in action at the Dardanelles.	22	11 Aug. ...	5	Mr. Holman	22	11 Aug.	5	36	14 Sept.	1	Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the House.	Address pre- pared by Select Committee ap- pointed for that purpose.

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Sydney, 26th April, 1916.

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

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
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STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16.

NO. OF COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	NO. OF MEETINGS.		NO. OF WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
1	The Governor's Opening Speech	15 June, 1915. Votes No. 1, Entry 12 (On motion of Mr. Arkins.)	{ Mr. Dunn, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Durack, Mr. McGier, Mr. George Carr, Mr. Arkins. }	Mr. Arkins	1	1	.....	15 June, 1915.
2	Elections and Qualifications	1 July, 1915. Votes No. 9, Entry 4..... (By Mr. Speaker's warrant taking effect, 1 July, 1915.)	{ Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Ball, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cohen, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. James, Mr. Levy, Mr. Stuart-Robertson. }	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Standing Orders *	2 July, 1915, a.m. Votes No. 9, Entry 10. (On motion of Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J.C.L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Wade, Mr. Ball, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. G.R.W. McDonald, Mr. Holman. }	Mr. Speaker	14	13	.....	1 December, 1915.
4	Refreshment	2 July, 1915, a.m. Votes No. 9, Entry 11 (On motion of Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Perry, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Page, Mr. Durack, Mr. Dunn, Lt. Colonel Nicholson, Mr. Lutimer, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Holman. }	Mr. Perry	1	1	.....	.....
5	Printing	2 July, 1915, a.m. Votes No. 9, Entry 12. (On motion of Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dosley, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Holman. }	Mr. Henley	32	32	.....	1915. 6, 8, 15, 22, 23 July; 12, 24, 26 August; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 September; 7, 14, 21, 28 October; 4, 11, 18, 25 November; 9, 15, 16 December. 1916. 6, 9, 16, 23, 30 March; 6, 12, 13 April.
6	Library †	2 July, 1915, a.m. Votes No. 9, Entry 13. (On motion of Mr. Holman.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. George Carr, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Levy, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Holman. }	The President	5	3	.....	.....
7	Petition of Thomas Michael Slattery	6 July, 1915. Votes No. 10, Entry 8	{ Mr. Holman, Mr. J. H. Carr, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. David Storey, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Briner, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Keegan. }	Mr. Keegan	5	4	4	27 July, 1915.

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

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

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1915-16—continued.

No. of COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	NO. OF MEETINGS.		NO. OF WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
8	Prevalence of Venereal Diseases	7 July, 1915. Votes No. 10, Entry 11..... (On motion of Dr. Arthur.)	{ Mr. Black, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Thomas, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Colonel Onslow, Mr. McGirr, Dr. Arthur.	Dr. Arthur	20	18	40	{ 11 November, 1915, Progress. 14 December, 1915, Second Progress.
9	Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill.	22 July, 1915, a.m. Votes No. 17, Entry 7. (On motion of Mr. Henley.)	{ Mr. Griffith, Mr. David Storey, Mr. McGarry, Mr. McGirr, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Henley.	Mr. Henley	2	1	.....	.....
10	The King's Message	10 August, 1915. Votes No. 21, Entry 3... (On motion of Mr. Holman.)	{ M. Holman, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bell, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Griffith, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Wade.	Mr. Holman.....	1	1	.....	11 August, 1915.
11	Application of Micheal Devitt for a Mining Lease at the Peaks.	10 August, 1915. Votes No. 21, Entry 6. (On motion of Mr. Hunt)	{ Mr. Estell, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. George Cann, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hunt.	Mr. Hunt	7	6	4	5 April, 1916.
12	Dismissal of certain Tramway Employees charged with being found in a common Gaming-house at Redfern.	10 August, 1915. Votes No. 21, Entry 8. (On motion of Mr. Fingleton)	{ Mr. Hoyle, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Fingleton.	Mr. Fingleton	17	17	24	3 November, 1915.
13	Case of Denis Maguire	17 August, 1915. Votes No. 24, Entry 6. (On motion of Mr. Stuart-Robertson.)	{ Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Dooly, Mr. Page, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Moxham, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Cusack, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Stuart-Robertson.	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.	25	18	30	12 April, 1916.

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